



**Henrico Parish
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2020
10: 00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word**

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for our online worship service this morning.

The service can be accessed through the YouTube link on our newsletter; our YouTube Channel, "St. John's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va;" or through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/historicstjohnschurch. Search for the post entitled "Worship for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost" and click on the arrow to begin the video premiere. The service will also be available on our website, www.saintjohnsrichmond.org; click on the link to the video as indicated. The premiere has a "live chat" feature, and we welcome your participation; we will save the video for future viewing at your convenience.

If you are new to us today and have any questions about our worship or the life of our parish, do not hesitate to contact our rector, the Rev. Amelie Wilmer, at awilmer@saintjohnsrichmond.org. Be sure to visit our website, [saintjohnsrichmond.org](https://www.saintjohnsrichmond.org), and sign up for our newsletter.

As we prepare our hearts for worship during this unusual and uncertain time, here is a prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book that has comforted the hearts of many over the ages.

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to us
as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.
Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. *Amen.*

Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all;
serving God, each other, and the community.

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Prelude

Precious Lord

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn "O Worship the King"

Hymnal 388

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tie, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - till in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727)

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

heav - en, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*; Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymous Praetorius (1560?-1629)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response Said in unison

Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Take My Hand, Precious Lord"

LEVAS II 106

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre- cious Lord, Lead me on.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

Music for Meditation

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

During the season after Pentecost, we proclaim the life of Jesus that lives on in us through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we pray that the Spirit will lead us and guide us along the way.

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship.

In your goodness, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Bring reconciliation among your children. Let those who have not experienced systemic bigotry and racism listen deeply to the pain and the anguish of those who have. And, having heard their voices, equip us to be repairers of the breach and the dismantlers of systems.

With your creative energy, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Let your mercy and justice roll down like waters, on all of your creation, especially on care facilities and communities of poverty and color hit hardest by this pandemic. Give us courage to respond in love.

In your mercy, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Bring inspiration to researchers working on a COVID-19 vaccine. Bring healing through the hands of doctors, nurses, CNA's, medical technicians, and first responders. Bring comfort with the ministry of last responders.

With your power working through them, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

As you moved among the chaos at the beginning of creation, move through Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our bishops; and move with all ministers of word, sacrament, and service, and all the holy people of God. Let us be the living church to a world that needs your word and our service, now more than ever.

As you move through us, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Sanctify and nurture all houses of worship as they gather remotely and in person so that they may be sanctuaries of peace and places of safety. Give grace and knowledge to the leaders of your houses of worship to keep your children safe.

Through your presence, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Guide President Trump, Governor Northam, and all in authority, to make hard, holy, and good decisions to keep all they serve safe. As the disciples held all things in common after Pentecost, let them and us hold all things and all people in common.

With the community of the Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Open our ears to hear cries of the hungry and the oppressed, the incarcerated and the victimized, the addicted and the sober, and those experiencing poverty and economic insecurity, and bless our feet to run to them.

As you drove Jesus into the wilderness, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Embrace your children who are sick or suffering, broken or hurting, lonely or isolated, especially Cheyenne, Lydia, Paul, Herb, Jim, Ellen, Missy and her family, Freda, Steve, Kate, Michael, the Morgan family, Faye, Paul, Ned, Ford, Bill, and Olivia.

With your healing presence, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

Visit the dying and welcome home the departed; hold gently the families and friends that mourn.

In your comforting embrace, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

For our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered silently or aloud.

Silence

Having offered these prayers to you, Gracious God, empower us so that we may bring about the Reign of God.

With your holy fire and rushing wind, Holy Spirit: **lead us and guide us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn "O God, our help in ages past"

Hymnal 680

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll-ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.

The Dismissal

Deacon People Go in peace, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God
Thanks be to God.

attributed to William Croft

Welcome to St. John's Church

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home.

Please visit our website at saintjohnsrichmond.org and sign up for our newsletter. To inquire about membership, please contact our rector, the Rev. Amelie Wilmer at awilmer@saintjohnsrichmond.org

Prayer for St. John's Church

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

Serving this Morning

Celebrant	The Rev. Amelie Wilmer
Preacher	The Rev. Amelie Wilmer
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Deacon	The Ven. David Curtis
Minister of Music	Jim Bennett
Choristers	Elisabeth Gruner, Lisa Wood, Susan Bagot, John King, III, Ron Johnson, Denise Bennett & Jim Bennett
Readers	Maureen Matsen, Bonnie Sampson, Victoria Hauser, & Catherine Brown
Video Editor	Andy Russell

In our prayers this week:

Our city: for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: for financial institutions, sustainable and just investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

The sick or in need: for Cheyenne, Lydia, Paul, Herb Broda, Jim Carpenter, Ellen Flory, Missy Gordon and her family, Freda Hartman, Steve Harwell, Kate Mackey, Michael Maloney, the Morgan family, Faye Proto, Paul Roper, Ned Schutt, Ford Thompson, Bill Thornton, Olivia Willms, and all those who suffer because of COVID-19.

The diocesan cycle of prayer: for ushers, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and lay readers.

If you have a prayer request, please notify Patty Duffy, our Parish Administrator. We will pray for those who are sick or in need for one month, unless you specifically request us to do otherwise.

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