



Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church!

Sunday, September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



GATHERING TOGETHER

Entrance Rite

PRELUDE (INSTRUMENTAL)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME (Vestry)

ENTRANCE HYMN *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane) (H 482)*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ACCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹⁶The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

^{2:1}For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
"Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

¹²"Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,



and accuses us of sins against our training.

¹³He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

¹⁴He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

¹⁵the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

¹⁶We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

¹⁷Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

¹⁸for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

¹⁹Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

²¹Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,

²²and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

²Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

⁴Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *



and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING:

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN (INSTRUMENTAL)

All stand.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples] passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were



you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence



God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS: BIRTHDAY, TRAVEL, ANNIVERSARIES

50. For a Birthday (BCP)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

53. For Travelers (BCP)

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary (BOS)

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on *N.* and *N.*, who come to affirm the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported
by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy.
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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 Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Presider	The peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Remaining in their places, the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of Christ.

GIVING THANKS AND CELEBRATING THE MEAL

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN: INSTRUMENTAL



The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

**You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;**

And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

**Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.**



**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.**

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed John the Evangelist, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.


INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Gifts of God for the People of God.


DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: (COMMUNITY CHOICE) *I sing a song of the saints of God* (Grand Isle) (H 293)



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
hund-reds of thou-sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And—
Je - sus' sake, the— whole of their good lives long. And—
joy - ous saints who— love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was— slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the— green: they were all of them saints of—
by a fierce wild— beast; and there's not an - y rea - son—
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of— God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
folk like— me, and I mean to be one too.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.** (source: *Celtic*)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *How firm a foundation (Foundation)* (H 636)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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