



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023

11:15 AM

Welcome to St. John's Norwood!

At the heart of our church family is a desire to reflect God's love and gracious hospitality to all. Our members represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, family configurations, political affiliations, sexual orientations, abilities, and religious traditions. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, remarried, LGBTQIA+, with and without children, empty nesters, old and young, and people with disabilities; you name it - we are here, and we're glad you've come.

Families of young children:

Nursery Care is available for children under age 6; just ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Kid's Kits and **Sunday Papers** are located at the Wisconsin Avenue entrance to the Nave.

A **Children's Library Collection** is available in the Lounge, just outside the front-right doors of the Nave.

For more information about St. John's, see the **St. John's Notes and News** bulletin

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary *Largo in G*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Hymn at the Procession 477 "All Praise To Thee"

ENGELBERG

Please stand and face the procession

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory be to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

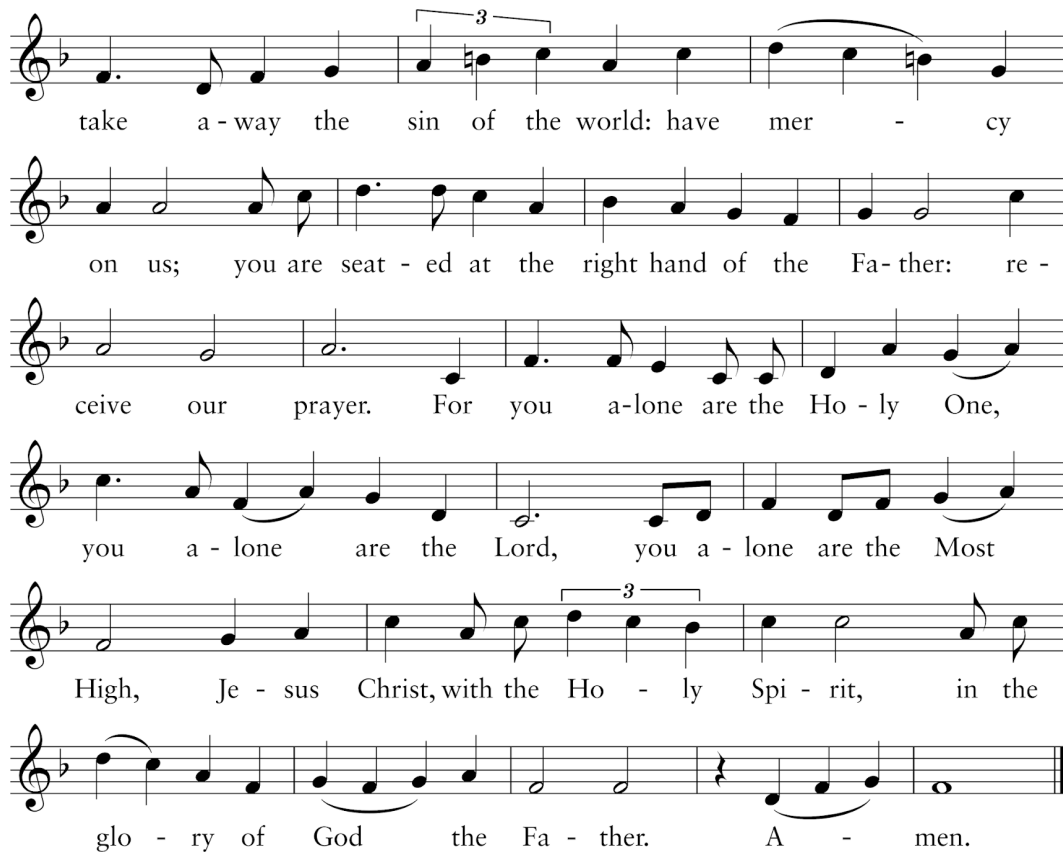
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Gloria S-280

Robert Powell (1845-1924)

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly
King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8

sung by the choir to Plainsong Tone VIII.1



Choir *Antiphon*

People ***Antiphon***

Choir To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

People ***Antiphon***

Choir Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

People ***Antiphon***

Choir Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

People ***Antiphon***

Choir Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

People ***Antiphon***

Please stand and sing

Hymn at the Sequence 492 "Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness"

FINNIAN

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Sari Ateek, *Rector*

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

People **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

- Leader* Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.
(A brief silence.)
Hold us accountable, O God. Show the church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek the Earth's thriving.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, government officials and all who serve the common good to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Help us comfort all who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the misdeeds of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or pursuing fresh starts. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving all who have died, especially those we now name, silently or aloud. *(Pause for remembrances.)* May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope.
Merciful God,
- People* **Receive our prayer.**
- Celebrant* God of all life, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People* **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Voluntary at the Offertory *Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

*Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

Please stand and sing

Hymn at the Presentation *Please stand and sing*

FOREST GREEN

With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day,
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.
O God who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

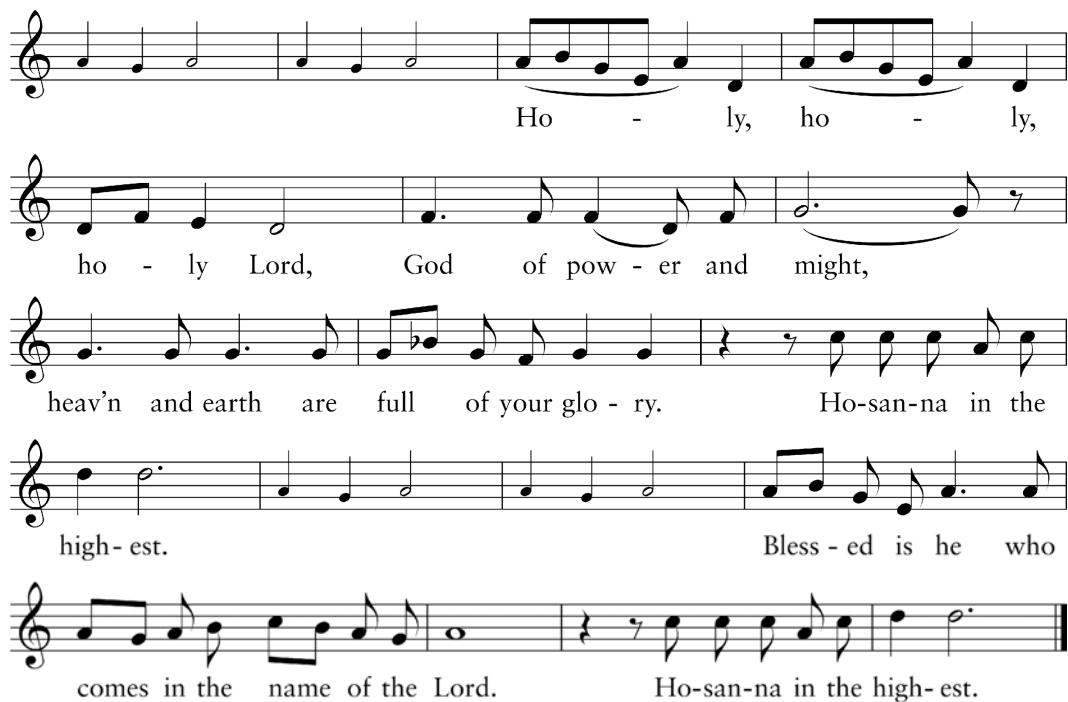
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S-128

William Mathias (1934-1992)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high- est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high- est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Mother of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

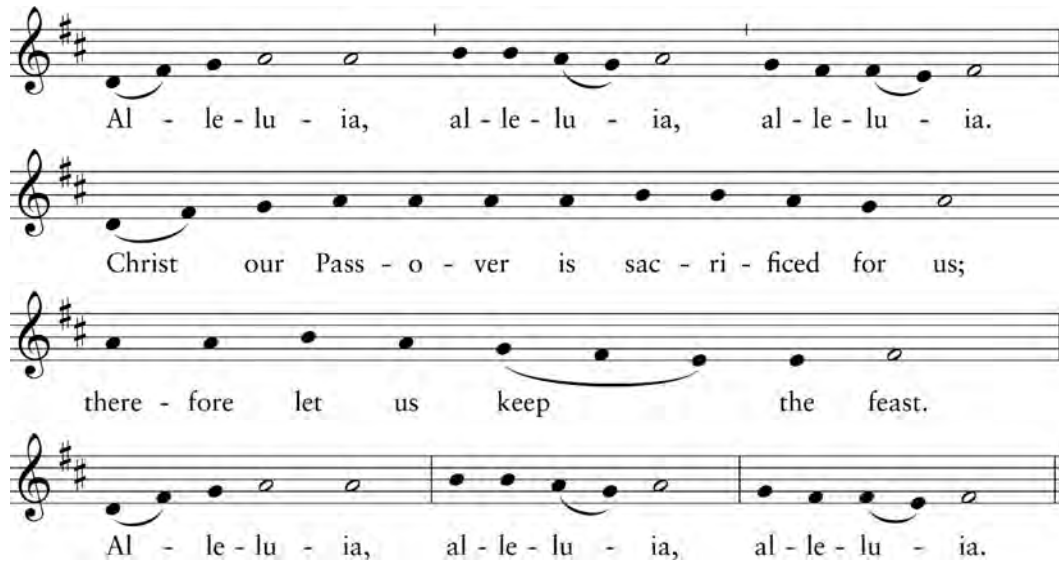
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



Celebrant All are welcome at the Lord's table.

We welcome those of you who are joining us online. May the grace that flows from this table find you wherever you may be, and may that grace be yours in abundance this day.

We who are many, and in many places, are one body,

People **because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

At St. John's, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Our "bread" is in the form of wheat-based wafers (though gluten-free are also available) and our wine is fermented/contains alcohol. You may receive the wine from a silver chalice, or keep your wafer in hand to intinct (dip) in a ceramic chalice. If you prefer to receive the bread only, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest after receiving the bread.

Or, if you'd like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you require assistance to reach the altar or need to receive Communion at your seat, please inform a Welcome Team member.

Healing Prayer Ministers are available for private prayer in the Tower Lobby (to the right of the pulpit).

Anthem at the Communion Lord, I Trust Thee

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! Thou friend of man, restore me.

On thy loving grace relying, For the bread of life I'm sighing,

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease. Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me, May my soul be blended with thee.

Hymn at the Communion “As We Gather at Your Table”

RAQUEL



1 As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of
3 Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that

Word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our
life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing
Feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who

hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
had been last and least. There no more will en - vy

sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us
pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave; may we
blind us nor will pride our peace des - troy, as we

through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Please stand as you are able

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, 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.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing 523 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary *The Rejoicing*

G.F. Handel

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to invoke the great mystery that is God among us.
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