



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church
3480 E. Main Street
College Park, Georgia 30337

priest@stjohnscollegepark.com
info@stjohnscollegepark.com
www.stjohnscollegepark.com

The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 699 Jesus, Lover of my soul

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life be past; safe in to the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me! All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee: spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Opening Acclamation

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise Gloria to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lessons

The congregation is seated.

Lector A Reading from the Book of Samuel 11:26-12:13a Richard Pfleger

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I

will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

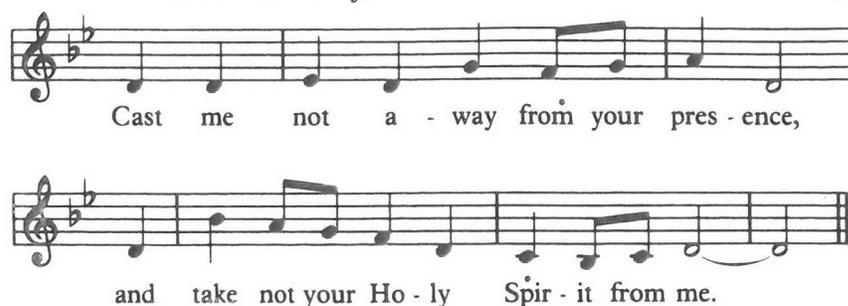
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 51

(verses sung by Jenna Rodriguez)



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgression.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned,
and done that which is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was born into iniquity,
and I have been sinful since my mother conceived me.

R

- 6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow;
- 8 Make me hear with joy and gladness;
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

R

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your hold Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

R

Lector A Reading from Ephesians 4:1-16

Pat Roberts

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by

people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn 527 Singing songs of expectation Bernard Severin Ingemann

1. Singing songs of expectation, onward
goes the pilgrim band, through the night of
doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and
burns the guiding light: trusting God we
march together stepping fearless through the night.
2. One the light of God's own presence, o'er his
ransomed people shed, chasing far the
gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey, one the
faith which never tires, one the earnest
looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
3. One the strain the lips of thousands lift as
from the heart of one; one the conflict,
one the peril, one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing on the
far eternal shore, where the one al-
mighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:24-35
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Frank Baltz

Nicene Creed

(All stand as you are able)

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.

Prayers of the People

Celeste Hall

Coming together as the children of God, let us pray as one people.

I ask your prayers for all of God's people throughout the world. We pray especially for Rob and Don, our bishops; our clergy; and all gathered in this place.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for those who lead, especially The Congress of the United States. May they legislate in a way that respects the dignity of all people.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for the preservation of this Earth. May our actions lead to greater care for our planet and all who inhabit it.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for children separated from their families. May they be reunited with those who love them and can properly care for them.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for those who live in our cities without proper shelter, medical care and food. May we see their humanity and respond as Jesus taught us.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list. God knows their need and we lift them up this morning. We pray for... *[the Intercessor will read specific names]*. Are there others?

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

I ask your prayers for all who have died, (intercessions may be offered) May they rest in the peace of God's eternal presence.

God of love, *grant our prayer.*

God of grace and glory, grant that we may live in the fullness of life and in all we do, bring glory to your name. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and 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

All stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

Pat Roberts

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest*

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; [Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel;] God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy
blood was shed for me, and that though bidd'st me
come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, though tossed about with man-ya
conflict, man-ya doubt; fight-ings and fears with
-in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blindsight, riches,
healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am; though wilt receive; wilt welcome,
pardon, cleanse, relieve, because thy promise
I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken
every barrier down; now to be thine, yea,
thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Sending Out Prayer

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 307 Lord, enthrone in heavenly splendor George Bourne

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first begotten from the dead. Though alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus, true and living
bread! Jesus, true and living bread!
2. Here our humblest homage pay we, here in loving reverence bow; here for faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Though art here, we ask not
how. Thou are here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels hail thee, branch and flower of Jess's stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with
them. We in worship join with them.

4. Pascal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou was slain, in its fullness undiminished shall forever more remain.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing us from every stain.

5. Life imparting heavenly Manna, smitten
Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen, ascended, glorified!

The Dismissal

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Richard Pfleger & Pat Roberts
Prayers of the People	Celeste Hall
Coordinator	Richard Pfleger
Music	Paul Campbell

At 10:00am on Sunday morning, visit the Zoom website and 'join a meeting.' The meeting password is **890 4465 2335**. The password is **704817**. You should be connected into the meeting. Participants will be "muted" upon entry so that the service can begin in quiet. Please refer to your 'Eagle Notes' e-mail for instructions on how to utilize our Zoom worship services.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) **1-929-205-6099** and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Acknowledging materials used in today's worship:

The Book of Common Prayer. Church Publishing Incorporated, 2006.

The Hymnal 1982. Church Hymnal Corp., 1985.

Boyer, Horace Clarence. *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Church Hymnal Corporation, 1993.

Music streamed/presented with permission, *One License A-712629*. CCLI #1847618