

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ZION PARISH



**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

October 25, 2020
10:00 a.m.

St. John's Mission Statement

To share God's love with everyone to bring hope and change lives.

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop
The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector
The Reverend Anne Nicholson, Assistant to the Rector

Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Book of Common Prayer Call to Worship

Prelude

Selected

Hymn of Preparation I Love You, Lord

AAHH 573

I love you, Lord; And I lift my voice
To worship You; Oh, my soul, rejoice!
Take joy my King; In what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound; In Your ear. *(Repeat)*

Processional Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling

1982 Hymnal 657

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Hymn of Praise I Shall Not Be Moved

AAHH 479

- 1 I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

Refrain *Like a tree planted by the water,*
I shall not be moved, be moved.

- 2 The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved,
The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved; *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by All

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Stewardship

Gracious God, giver of all good things on earth and in heaven, we fervently pray that we might be wise stewards of your countless gifts. We humbly ask that you supply your manifold grace as we prayerfully consider how we may best share our talents, time, and treasures to serve you. Give us guidance through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 read responsively by half verse

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1982 Hymnal 510

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.
- 2 See how we trifle here below, fond of these earthly toys; our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.

The Gospel**Matthew 22:34-46***Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon Hymn** Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1982 Hymnal 510

- 3 In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise: hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant

Sermonic Response More Love to Thee, O Christ

LEVAS 87

- 1 More love to thee, O Christ,
More love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea;

Refrain *More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to thee, More love to thee!*

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 - Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Said by all

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 Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn Love Lifted Me

LEVAS 198

1 I was sinking deep in sin; Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within; Sinking to rise no more;
But the master of the sea; Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me; Now safe am I.

Refrain *Love lifted me, Love lifted me,*
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. (2X)

2 All my heart to Him I give; Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live; Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true; Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too; To Him belongs. *Refrain*

3 Souls in danger, look above; Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love; Out of the angry waves.
He's the master of the sea; Billows His will obey;
He your savior wants to be; Be saved today. *Refrain*

1 Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain *God will take care of you, Through ev'ry day,
O'er all the way; He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]

WLP 785

(Spanish, English, Spanish)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Then the Celebrant continues saying

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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.

People and Celebrant

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

LEVAS 264 (Malotte)

Our Father, which 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 debts

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

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

If you have used your own bread and wine (or juice) at home during the Great Thanksgiving prayer, you may use the following words before consuming the bread and wine (or juice),

Oh God, bless this bread and this wine (juice) I now consume. Amen.

Communion Hymn Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, Drink this cup

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, Drink this cup,

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Hymn Breathe on me, Breath of God

1982 Hymnal 508

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldest do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do or to endure.

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn Christ is made the sure foundation

1982 Hymnal 518

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

2 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants, what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever, with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory, evermore with thee to reign.

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude Selected

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Joseph M. Constant
Organist and Choirmaster: Patrick D. McCoy
Lector and Cantor: Melissa Sites
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Larry Walker
Media Team: Lewis Christian and Tyler Hillocks
Altar Guild: St. John's Altar Guild Team

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1. Check Offerings and Donations – To contribute via a personal check, you can mail a check directly to St. John's using the address below:

St. John's Episcopal Church
PO Box 14
Beltsville, MD 20705

Our office staff is still receiving mail and will make sure that your check is deposited and credited appropriately in the church record.

2. Online or Electronic Giving – You are welcome to send your contributions electronically.

- You can use Zelle using the church's email address: office@saintjohnsbeltsville.org
- You can also use the form on the Giving page of the website for electronic payments. VANCO is our eGiving provider to process your offerings and donations electronically. If you select the secure **Online** tool to submit your offerings or donations, please complete the **Online Donation** box on the

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Again, we are grateful for your offering to support St. John's operation and our shared ministry. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our treasurer, Hodge Herry, at herryhodge@verizon.net.

St. John's Mission Statement:

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St. John's Vision Statement:

To be a welcoming Christ-centered community committed to inclusion, fellowship, spiritual growth and service.

- (Diversity and fellowship) Complete a study of our surrounding community to develop new programs and continue to welcome anyone seeking a spiritual home.
- (Spiritual growth and diversity) Develop paths to discipleship to provide new ways for members of all ages to grow in their faith and experience the power of God's love.
- (Pastoral care and outreach) Provide an opportunity for every member to increase hope for the future by serving others in our church, in our community, and in our world.

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