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SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
10:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
GATHERING SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)
The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC

Fanfare for Bells

(Please stand, if able, as the chime tolls three times.)

OPENING SALUTATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant

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

People

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

HYMNAL #409

The Spacious Firmament On High

CREATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Benedictus Es, Domine

John Rutter

Weeks September 13—The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 am
Church
Farmers’ Market
9:00 am
St. John’s Parking Lot
St. John’s Café
9:00 am
Meditation Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am
Chancel
Children’s Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am
Music Room
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am
Church
Gathering Sunday Potluck & Ministry Fair
11:15 am
Gym

Monday, September 14

Men’s Alanon Meeting
6:00 pm
Meditation Room
COHI Pastoral Training
7:00 pm
Green Room

Tuesday, September 15

Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:45 pm
Music Room and Church
Down Syndrome Support Group
6:00 pm
Gathering Space

Wednesday, September 16

Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm
Music Room
Youth Group
6:15 pm
Gym Kitchen
Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm
Music Room and Chapel

Thursday, September 17

Ramsey Hill House Tour
4:00 pm
Church
Stories AA Meeting
6:00 pm
Fireside Room
Sung Compline
7:00 pm
Church

Saturday, September 19

Safe Guarding God’s Children Training
9:00 am
Fireside Room

Sunday, September 20—The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 am
Church
Farmers’ Market
9:00 am
St. John’s Parking Lot
St. John’s Café
9:00 am
Meditation Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am
Chancel and Chapel
Children’s Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am
Music Room
Sunday Forum
9:00 am
Fireside Room
Godly Play
9:45 am
School
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 am
Church
Coffee Hour
11:15 am
Parking Lot
WELCOME

GUESTS
We are delighted that you have come to St. John’s to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor’s Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John’s your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

NURSERY
St. John’s welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 8:45 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound.

RESTROOMS
Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

THANK YOU
For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.

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THE PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS
Wimpy, Betty, Mae, Don, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Laurieanne, Ann, Dick, Mildred, Joe, Patricia, Thelma, and Thanksgiving for the birth of Lilly Mabel Waldo, granddaughter of John & Rita McBain.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR
Pat, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Amy, Mary-Louise, Brad, Ben, Caroline, Sam, Annie and Janet.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD
The Middle East; refugees and those who serve them; Tunisia; those whose churches have been burned; Turkey: all whose lives have been shattered by violence and injustice.

ALTAR FLOWERS
In thanksgiving for the lives of Vernon F. Olson, Bram Drew.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pray with the Anglican Church in South Dakota; with the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop-Elect; and with the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA’S CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pray with all Ecumenical Ministries throughout Minnesota, especially the MN Council of Churches and those who work with social service agencies; also pray with those who work on behalf of the Millennium Development Goals, which are eight integrated targets for the eradication of extreme poverty, and for Episcopal Relief and Development. Pray with Shattuck-St. Mary’s School in Faribault, and with Bishop Whipple Mission in Morton.

AT ST. JOHN’S: Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.
POST COMMUNION PRAYER  (said by all, kneeling or standing, according to your custom)

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.

(Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.)

HYMNAL #522 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Austria

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here has ended. Now let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Voluntary Finale from Symphony I Louis Vierne
(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (said by the Celebrant)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

(The congregation is seated following the Collect.)

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * 
   because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called on him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * 
   I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
   "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
   our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
   I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
   for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
   my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * 
   in the land of the living.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

CHANGE RING

Traditional

ANTHEM

O Taste and See

John Goss

HYMNAL #312

Strengthen For Service, Lord, the Hands

MALABAR

HYMNAL #448

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

HYMNAL #254

When Christ Was Lifted

ST. BOTOLPH

SENDING FORTH OUR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, 
   that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, 
   because we all share one bread, one cup.
Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father . . .
He stretched out his arms upon the cross . . .
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death . . .
After supper he took the cup of wine . . .
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption . . .
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit . . .
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 Father, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant

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,
    for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.
Not unto us, O Lord, but to thy Name give glory.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who

teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who
makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If
we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or
look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are
guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a
small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed
among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of
nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea
creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the
tongue— a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it
we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and
cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the
same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield
olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Antiphon

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.
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Epistle

James 3:1-12

Solo: Who do people say that I am?  *  Peter answered, “You are / the Messiah.”
Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . .

. . . he has won for us 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:

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.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  (standing or kneeling, according to your custom)

Reader  O Christ, hear us.

People  Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN’S  (said by all)

Reader  Gracious God:

People  By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son:

So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him
that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN  (standing or kneeling according to your custom)

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

(silence is observed)

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant  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.

People  Amen.

THE PEACE  (standing, if able)

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.

(You are invited to share signs of God’s peace with those around you.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  (seated)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord’s table.  At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the
wine.  You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine.  If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indi-
cate so by crossing your arms.  Gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE  (congregation is seated)

ANTHEM  Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

Trad. Southern hymn tune
arr. Alice Parker