Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
September 2, 2018  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 17, Year B  

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.  
Enriching Our Worship 1

Hearing-assistance devices and large print bibles are available from the ushers at the back of the church.

The Word of God

Opening Voluntary—Adagio, BWV 564  
J.S. Bach

Hymn #438—Tell out, my soul  
Woodlands

Opening Acclamation and Response

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

People  
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise

Summer Music Booklet #1—Let all creation bless the Lord

Collect of the Day

Celebrant  
God be with you.

People  
And also with you.

Celebrant  
Let us pray.  Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People  
Amen.

Readings

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Pew Bible p. 612

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

People  
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27  
Pew Bible p. 1102

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

People  
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #383—Fairest Lord Jesus  
St. Elizabeth

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Pew Bible p. 919

Gospeller  
The Gospel of the Lord.

People  
Praise you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  
The Rev. Ernie Ashcroft

Nicene Creed  
Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People

Reader  
God of love and mercy,

All  
Hear our prayer.

Reader  
Gracious God:

All  
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.  
(For Collect for St. John’s)

Confession and Absolution

Deacon  
Let us confess our sins to God.

All  
God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.  Amen.

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

All  
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant  
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People  
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

Welcome

Nicene Creed  
Book of Common Prayer p. 358
The Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord’s table. The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing cross your arms.

Offertory—The Peace May be Exchanged

(From Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for Organ)

Presentation of the Gifts
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.
Celebrant It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant . . . Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Jefferson

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life...

All ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant . . . Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

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

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

Communion Music

Hymn #324—Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Hymn #343—Shepherd of Souls

St. Anges

Sending forth Eucharistic Visitors (as applicable)

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.

Post Communion Prayer

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #523—Glorious things of thee are spoken

Abbot’s Leigh

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of Mary-Louise Clary; Jean & S. Grayson Clary; Alyce D. & George R. Hunt.

Assisting in the Service

Celebrant The Reverend Susan Moss
Deacon The Reverend Margaret Thor
Preacher The Reverend Ernie Ashcroft
Director of Music and Organist Richard L. Gray
Altar Guild Dusty Mairs, Caroline Merkl, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Bryne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey
Acolyte Roan Weinkauf
Readers Don Posteman
Verger Linnea Krall
Ushers Tom Eyre, Julia Ferguson, Rick Rinkoff, Lynn Hertz
Greeters Holly and Don Weinkauf, Diane Wallace-Reid
Coffee Hour

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