

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 and 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.**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

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

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pew Bible p. 919

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Ernie Ashcroft

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

Prayers of the People

Form IV, BCP p. 388

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. (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

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 *Dan Locklair*
(From *Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for Organ*)

Presentation of the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A *Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

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.

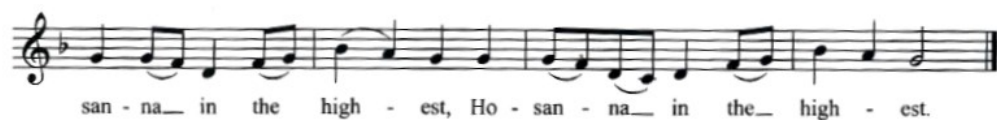
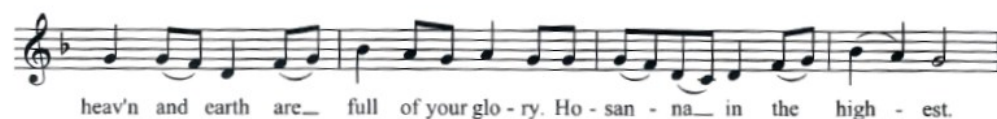
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. . . .

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...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **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 in the 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.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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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