

# Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20, Year B

**Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**

**Rite II, Prayer A**



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

## The Word of God

**Opening Voluntary:** Ricercare

Bernardo Storace

**Hymn #448** O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deus tuorum militum*

### Opening Acclamation and Response

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

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

### Collect for Purity

*All* **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.**

**Song of Praise** Gloria in excelsis

*Hymnal S278*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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**

Proverbs 31:10-31

*Pew Bible p. 601*

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

*The choir sings the Psalm verses in Anglican Chant and the congregation joins them in singing the following antiphon response:*



<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**Second Reading**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*Pew Bible p. 1104*

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #509** Spirit divine, attend our prayers

*Nun danket all und bringet Her*

*Gospeller*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

*Pew Bible p. 922*

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*

## Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

## Prayers of the People

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*Reader*

Let us pray to the Lord,

*All*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*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. — The Collect for St. John's**

## Confession and Absolution

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*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

*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 Rev. Craig Lemming, *Associate Rector*

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may kneel or stand to receive communion. The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms.*

**Offertory Anthem** I Sat Down Under His Shadow  
Edward C. Bairstow

### 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father almighty...

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** *Hymnal S128*

*Celebrant* 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...

*All* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

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,

*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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Distribution

### Communion Music

**Anthem** O Taste and See R.V. Williams

**Hymn #341** For the bread which you have broken *Omni dei*

### 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

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*All* **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.**

## Blessing

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Our worship here is ended; now our service begin.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** Toccata in C Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanksgiving for the life of Jerome Wagner.

### Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Preacher	The Reverend Barbara Mraz
Director of Music	Richard L. Gray
Altar Guild	Diane Power, Sylvia Moore, Ginny Schauss, Sarah K. Smith, Gwen Odney, Jean Hansen
Acolytes	Elliot Wall, Tessa Johnson, Charlie Docherty
Readers	Cammie Beattie and Mark McInroy
Verger	Bob Linehan
Ushers	Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Sally Sand, Kevin Wall
Greeters	Barbara Lindeke, Chris Matter, Eric Odney
Coffee Hour	Colleen & Charles Swope

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