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 Jesus 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.

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.

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

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:

1 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!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 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.
4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 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.

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.

Nicene Creed
Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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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  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...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All  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

Celebrant  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  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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