

# Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21, 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:** Psalm Prelude

Craig Phillips

**Hymn #436** Lift up your heads

*Truro*

### 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 #288** Praise to God, immortal praise *Dix*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 *Pew Bible p. 441; 443*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 124

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



<sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

<sup>2</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;

<sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

<sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;

<sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**Second Reading** James 5:13-20 *Pew Bible p. 1105*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #524** I love thy kingdom, Lord *St. Thomas*

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

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

**Gospel** Mark 9:38-50 *Pew Bible p. 922*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Julie Luna, *Curate*

## Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

## Prayers of the People

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*Reader* God of Abundance,

*All* **Make us faithful stewards of your Kingdom.**

*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.**

## Stewardship Reflection

Ernie Ashcroft, *Stewardship Co-Chair*

## Special Congregational Blessing of The Rev. Julie Luna

### 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** The House of Faith Has Many Rooms

Craig Phillips

**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...

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** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Calvin Hampton

**Hymn** #306 Come, risen lord

### 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.**

**Hymn: #690** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *CWM Rhondda*

## Blessing

### Dismissal

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

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

**Voluntary** Fantasia in G, BWV 542/I Johann Sebastian Bach

## Special Blessing in Thanksgiving for the Farmers' Market

*The congregation is invited to follow the Altar party and Choir in procession to the parking lot for a Special Blessing in Thanksgiving for the Farmers' Market.*

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanksgiving for the life of James G. Ek; Thomas W. & Doris N. Dunlop.

### Assisting in the Service

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| Celebrant         | The Reverend Craig Lemming  |
| Deacon            | The Reverend Margaret Thor  |
| Preacher          | The Reverend Julie Luna   |
| Director of Music | Richard L. Gray   |
| Altar Guild       | Dusty Mairs, Caroline Church, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey                             |
| Acolytes          | Lance Georgeson, Maggie Baxter, Roan Weinkauf   |
| Readers           | Cammie Beattie and Diane Wallace-Reid   |
| Verger            | Bill Sherfey  |
| Ushers            | Tom Eyre, Mary & Peter Gilbertson, Shirley Sailors  |
| Greeters          | Cindy Bertheau, Josh Colton, Jennifer Kinkead   |
| Coffee Hour       | A special celebratory Coffee Hour in honor of The Rev. Julie Luna's Curacy at St. John's. Join us at the Farmers' Market! |

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