

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
November 17, 2019  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
**Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**  
**Rite II, Prayer B**

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



**The Word of God**

**Voluntary** *Processional* William Mathias

**Hymn #398** I sing the mighty power of God *Forest Green*

**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**

*Celebrant* 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** *Hymnal S278*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for  
our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and  
inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us  
in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**First Reading** Malachi 4:1-2a *Pew Bible p. 875*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 98** *Please join in reciting the following psalm together.*

**1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \***  
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm \***  
has he won for himself the victory.

**3 The LORD has made known his victory; \***  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the  
nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of  
Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.**

**5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \***  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \***  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \***  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \***  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

**9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \***  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \***  
and the peoples with equity.

**Second Reading** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 *Pew Bible, p. 1081*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn #439** What wondrous love *Wondrous Love*

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

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

**Gospel** Luke 21:5-19 *Pew Bible, p. 961*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Writer in Residence*

**Meditation** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Jennifer Turner, *soloist*

**Nicene Creed** *BCP, p. 358*

**Prayers of the People**

*Following each petition, the people respond:*

*All* **We trust in you.**

*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**

*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. Jered Weber-Johnson, *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. There is a standing station to receive Holy Communion.*

### Offertory and Presentation

**Anthem** Fanfare for Kate Paul John Rudoi

*Commissioned by St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, St. Paul, MN*

The St. John's Handbell Ensemble

Haley Olson, *director*

### Presentation of the Gifts

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People** And of thine own have we given thee.

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

*BCP, p. 367*

*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 God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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 S129*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness of love which you have made known to us in creation;...  
...Therefore according to his command, O Father,

**All** We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant* 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

*BCP, p. 364*

### Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

#### Distribution

**Hymn #335** I am the bread of life *I Am the Bread of Life*

### 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 #493** O for a thousand tongues to sing (vs.1, 2, 4, 6) *Azmon*

### Blessing

#### Dismissal

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary** *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret

### Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Preacher	The Reverend Barbara Mraz
Assisting Priest	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Diane Power, Sue MacIntosh, Ginnie Schauss, Sarah K. Smith, Cecelia Wall
Readers	Judy Southwick, John Graham
Verger	Keith Davis
Greeters	Tom Eyre, John Lawyer, Barbara Lindeke
Ushers	Gary and Paige Hagstrom, Jeff and Peggy Olsen
Coffee Hour	Karen Mosso

The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of Phyllis & Dick Stromenger.

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