

The Parish Church of
ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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Pray Grow Serve

Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Holy Eucharist

*The Episcopal Church uses a number of resources in our worship. While this bulletin contains most of what you need to participate fully, our music is found in the blue hymnals in the pew racks. The 8:00am service is without music. We encourage all worshippers to acquaint themselves with all our worship resources: red copies of the **Book of Common Prayer** and black copies of the **Holy Bible** are also found in the pew racks. Feel free to find the prayers and the scripture readings in these books.*

Prelude

Announcements

Ringing of the Calling Bell

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal, no. 686

Nettleton: "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.*

Gloria

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 234

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider

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.

Amen.

The people may be seated for the reading of the lessons.

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reader A reading from Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Response: Psalm 146

BCP, p. 803

Reader Let us read the appointed Psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader A reading from First Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal, no. 400 v. 1 & 7

Lasst uns erfreuen: "All creatures of our God and King"

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Gospeler
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Arthur Hancock, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world responding to “Lord, in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer”.

Intercessor

Living Lord, let us cling to you as we navigate life’s challenges and the turmoil of clashing societies. We thank you for leading us always into fertile lands, and inviting us to a life of abundance and goodness. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Prosperous Lord, plant in us seeds of wisdom and patience, that we would so crave closeness to you and your ways as to be ever refreshed by your life-giving presence and proclamations. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Restorative Lord, we are damaged, and do damage. Soften our hearts, that we might get better at forgiveness, and remember all you’ve forgiven in us. Give us friendships and communion to guard us against arrogance and despondency.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we do not always know how to follow you, nor do we understand your teachings. Be patient in our stumblings as we strive to be your disciples. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Healing Lord, you are our ultimate physician. Bring your balm to all who are ill or injured, especially those we now name aloud or in our hearts. (*Pause to allow intercessions.*) Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, comfort us as we mourn and remember those who have died, especially those we now name aloud or in our hearts. (*Pause to allow intercessions.*) Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Presider

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. *Amen.*

Peace

BCP, p. 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

When I Fall - Jeffrey Merrill

Liturgy of the Table

Please stand as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal, no. S 124

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant
 The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
 It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him.
 So come to this table you who have much faith
 and you who would like to have more;
 you who have been to this table often,
 and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow Jesus,
 and you who have failed.
 Come, it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Celebrant
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at God's table. We use traditional wheat based wafers but also offer Gluten-free wafers. Please let the person distributing the bread know if you would like a Gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn

The Lord is my light

The musical notation consists of two systems, each with two staves labeled I and II. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:
 I: The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion:
 II: The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion:

System 2:
 I: in God I trust, in God I trust. The
 II: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Please stand as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Let us pray.

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

Sending Hymn

LEVAS, no. 221

Traditional: "This little light of mine"

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let
it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm
gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let
it shine.

Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Celebrants	The Gathered People of God
Greeters	Erin Kramer (8:00) and Virginia Johnston & Angie Gordon (10:30)
Ushers	Emily Brunner (8:00) and John & Nell Allen (10:30)
Verger	Bryan Desmet
Lectors	Janet Waller (8:00) and Jill Todd (10:30)
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan Blake/TBD (8:00) and Andrew McClaren/Susie Mahoney (10:30)
Musician	Jeffrey Merrill
Deacon Intern	Linda Brandt
Deacon	The Rev. Margaret Thor
Deacon	The Rev. Rick Todd
Priest in Residence	The Rev. Aron Kramer
Celebrant	The Rev. Kate Maxwell OSB
Presider/Rector	The Rev. Arthur Hancock