



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**PROPER 17**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**  
**9:00AM**

***ALL ARE WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!***  
***WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!***

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# welcome

**WELCOME BACK!!!**  
**WE ARE BLESSED TO SEE YOU!**

Facebook Live & Conference call are  
 available for this service in addition to the  
 in-person gathering.

Please remember to keep a distance of 6 ft between you  
 and others. Hand sanitizer stations are available at every  
 entrance and throughout the church. Masks **MUST** remain  
 on while on the property. Please help us by keeping  
 yourself and all of us safe!

The Holy Eucharist will be served in one kind (Bread only).  
 Please listen for instruction during the service.

**Thank you!**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*(Per the Bishop, currently we will not be singing during services)*

## PRELUDE

*'Ein Feste Berg Unser Gott', Buxtehude*

## ORGAN PROCESSIONAL

*(please stand as you are able)*

*'All Praise to Thee for Thou O King Divine'*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm, 78:1-4, 12-16, *Attendite, popule (responsively)***

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \***  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

**4 We will recount to generations to come**  
**the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \***  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \***  
**he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

*Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL***Matthew 21:23-32*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev'd. Mark Brown

**THE NICENE CREED (PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)**

**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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Andrew, Allen and Mary; for this gathering and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially for the over 204,000 souls who have died from complications due to COVID-19. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those who suffer from any grief, trouble, or illness especially **Rick Rowe, Louis Jay Torchio, Denise Ciluffo, John Owens, Franklin Trinity**, all those on our prayer list, for those who are suffering from COVID-19 and for all teachers, students, principals learning remotely or in-person. Pray for all.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week especially **Bette Gaida, Seth Trinity, Leones Trinity and John Owen** and for those celebrating anniversaries especially **Basia and John Owens**.

Pray for all.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored and whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

### *The Concluding Collect*

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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**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.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

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.**



## THE PEACE

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

***All may exchange a “socially distanced” sign of peace from their places either with a bow or a wave. As a reminder, please do not hug or shake hands.***

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING A

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*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:

**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.*

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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Note: As mandated by The Bishop, only the Celebrant will administer Communion (Bread Only). The Clergy's hands have been properly washed and sanitized.  
Please come forward as directed.*

## **COMMUNION VOLUNTARY**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **ORGAN RECESSIONAL**

*'Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah''*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Celebrant and Preacher** The Rev'd. Mark Brown

**Eucharist Minister** Hunter Jordan

**Crucifier** Allen Anderson

**Thurifer** Steven McCrimmon

**Lector** Edwina McCrimmon

**Organist** Stephen Hetzel

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASSISTANCE OR PASTORAL CARE** – during these challenging and difficult times, we know things can be difficult. If you or a family member may be in need of assistance, have a prayer request or require pastoral care, please contact a member of The Vestry or call the Parish Office at (718) 447-1605 or Edwina McCrimmon at (347) 409-9892.

**OFFERING/PLEDGES** – We remind you to please continue to send your contributions to St. John's. Some of you have been very faithful in fulfilling your pledges over these months and we thank you. On behalf of the leadership, we thank everyone in advance and ask you to continue to be faithful for the church to remain opened and operational.

Envelopes should be mailed to: **St. John's Church, 1333 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10305 Attn: Mrs. Carol Thaten.**

*Important note: As of September 30, 2020, the Diocese of New York will end the e-Pledge program. Details for St. John's PayPal Account will be included starting in October.*

**WEEKLY EVENING PRAYER** – please join us every Thursday night from 7pm-7:30pm for Evening Prayer via Conference Call. To access the call, please dial **(978) 990-5000; Access Code: 893092**. The service bulletin is sent via email and posted on the St. John's website at [www.stjohnssi.org](http://www.stjohnssi.org) under Service Schedule.

**SUNDAY SERVICES** – Sunday Services will be held at **9:00 AM** only until further notice. Please share your concerns and feedback to The Vestry. No coffee hour at this time.

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS-CONTINUE**

**CLERGY FOR ST. JOHN'S** – It is official! We are currently in an active church for a Priest-in-Charge position. The Search Committee will provide us with new updates as they work with the Episcopal Diocese of New York. We ask your prayers for the Search Committee (**Gail, Chinelo, David, Michael, Vivian and Ray**) that God will reveal to us that Clergy who will lead, teach, guide, partner with and bless the good people of St. John's, Canterbury House and our community. We encourage you to read the Parish Profile on the church website at: <https://www.stjohnssi.org/>.

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (BY ZOOM):** If you are interested in joining Church of the Ascension on Wednesday's from 2:00pm-3:30pm for Bible Study (discussion – The Psalm of David), please contact Liz at [admin@ascensionsi.org](mailto:admin@ascensionsi.org) to be included on the distribution list.

**"EPISCOPAL NEW YORK READS 1 BOOK":** The Episcopal Churches on Staten Island are participating in the Diocesan-wide book read, **How to be an Antiracist** by Ibram X. Kendi. The book discussion will be held for 3 consecutive weeks covering chapters 1-6, 7-12 and 13-18 respectively.

Depending on your schedule, you may participate in any of the groups, but we do ask that due to confidentiality of what may be shared in these groups you do remain with the same group. The intention is that each group be a "safe space" where thoughts and experiences can be shared without judgment.

Below is a tentative schedule of when groups will meet, all via zoom. Discussion groups will begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in September. **All participants will be able to be a part of the "meet the author" discussion on Thursday, October 22.**

**Note: To receive the Zoom link please register with a group, prior to the start date, by email or phone.**

<b>Richmond IPC Group</b>	<b>Mondays at 7:00 pm</b> Dates: 9/28, 10/5, 10/19	Cathy Carlson 718.702.7192 <a href="mailto:richmondipc@gmail.com">richmondipc@gmail.com</a>
<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>Tuesdays at 7:00 pm</b> Start date: TBD	<a href="mailto:christchurch@verizon.net">christchurch@verizon.net</a>
<b>Church of the Ascension</b>	Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Start date: TBD	<a href="mailto:admin@ascensionsi.org">admin@ascensionsi.org</a>

<b>St. Alban's</b>	Thursdays at 7:00 pm Dates: 9/24, 10/1, 10/8	<a href="mailto:saintalbanssi@aol.com">saintalbanssi@aol.com</a> Zoom Meeting I.D. 899 9771 1973 Passcode: 750250 Dial-In: 646 558 8656
<b>St. Mary's</b>	Saturdays at 10:30 am Dates: 9/26, 10/3, 10/10	Parish Admin 718.442.1527 <a href="mailto:stmarycastleon347@gmail.com">stmarycastleon347@gmail.com</a>
<b>The Church of St. Andrew</b>	Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Dates: 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 & 10/28	Karen Kelly, Admin. 718-351-0900 Zoom Meeting ID: 846 0898 0248 Password: 851197

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**RICHMOND INTER-PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS  
THE READING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST  
24-MARATHON LIVE-STREAM/IN-PERSON EVENT**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## **SERMON NOTES**

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## **THANK YOU!**

With grateful hearts and in thanksgiving, it is truly a blessing to have you back inside and to worship in person at St. John's. We know that these months have been difficult and lacking in our shared community and hospitality.

We appreciate you doing your part in following proper protocols to keep us all safe as we provide in person worship.

May God bless you and keep you and may we all be filled with Christ's joy as we continue to spread his message of **LOVE** and **HOPE** in the world!

## **The Vestry**

*Michael Adams, Ray Gant, Susan Abraham-Jacob  
Vivian Murray, David Sprosty, Agnes Trinity*

*Treasurer, Carol Thaten  
Assistant Treasurer, Elyne Padmore*

*Edwina McCrimmon, Warden*

