

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 19
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
9:00AM

WELCOME BACK TO SAINT JOHN'S!
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



# 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, RITE II

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

**PreLude:** 24 Pieces in Freestyle – 'Meditation' Vierne

**ORGAN PROCESSIONAL:** 

'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven'

(Please stand as you are able)

#### 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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so, the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm, 114 In exitu Israel (responsively)

- 1 Hallelujah!
  - When Israel came out of Egypt, \* the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \* and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

  Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \* and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*
  O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \* you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \* and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him

and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd. Yamily Bass-Choate Liaison for Global Mission, Episcopal Diocese of New York

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

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops Andrew, Allen and Mary, and for all Priests, Deacons and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For New York City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Mother Rhoda, Fr. Lewis Marshall, Denise Ciluffo, Franklin Trinity, David Sprosty, Allen Anderson and all those on our Parish Prayer List and for those who may be suffering an illness of the mind, body and spirit let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially the reposed souls of the over **193,000** we have lost to complications due to COVID-19, to all souls lost on September 11, 2001 and for those who have died from other illnesses in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In thanksgiving, we offer prayers for all those celebrating birthdays this week especially **Howard Kaplan**, **Sheila Hayes**, **Keri Ann Schweiger and David Kline**; and for those celebrating anniversaries this week especially **Robert Lane and Randy Toran Lane**, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 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

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

'Prelude'

'A la Maniere de Chabrier', Ravel

#### 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:

## 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**.

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!

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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 wait to be directed.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

'I Call to the Lord Jesus Christ' J.S. Bach

#### **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 BIESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

'All Creatures of our God and King'

**POSTLUDE** 

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor J. S. Bach

#### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev'd. Yamily Bass-Choate

Eucharist Minister Hunter Jordan

Crucifier Allen Anderson

Lectors Rick Rowe, Edwina McCrimmon

Organist Stephen Hetzel

Pianist Richard Sigona

## **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 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.

**WEEKLY EVENING PRAYER** – please join us each 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 <a href="https://www.stjohnssi.org">www.stjohnssi.org</a> under Service Schedule.

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

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, Vivian and Ray) that God will reveal to us that Clergy who will lead, teach, guide, partner 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: <a href="https://www.stjohnssi.org/">https://www.stjohnssi.org/</a>.

#### THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK READS "HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST" BY IBRAM X. KENDI

The Richmond Inter-Parish Council (IPC) along with the 200 churches within the Episcopal Diocese of New York will participate and all are welcome and encourage to consider joining a reading and discussion group (virtually). Please see the tentative churches and schedule below. You can join any group, however, you may not switch groups once you sign up.

Please see the tentative schedule (days/times to be confirmed):

Monday's – Inter-Parish Council Group Tuesday's – Christ Church New Brighton Wednesday's – Church of the Ascension Thursday's – St. Alban's Saturday's – St. Mary's

# **SERMON NOTES**

## 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, Susan Abraham-Jacob, Ray Gant, Vivian Murray, David Sprosty, Agnes Trinity

Carol Thaten, Treasurer and Elyne Padmore, Assistant Treasurer

Edwina McCrimmon, Warden

