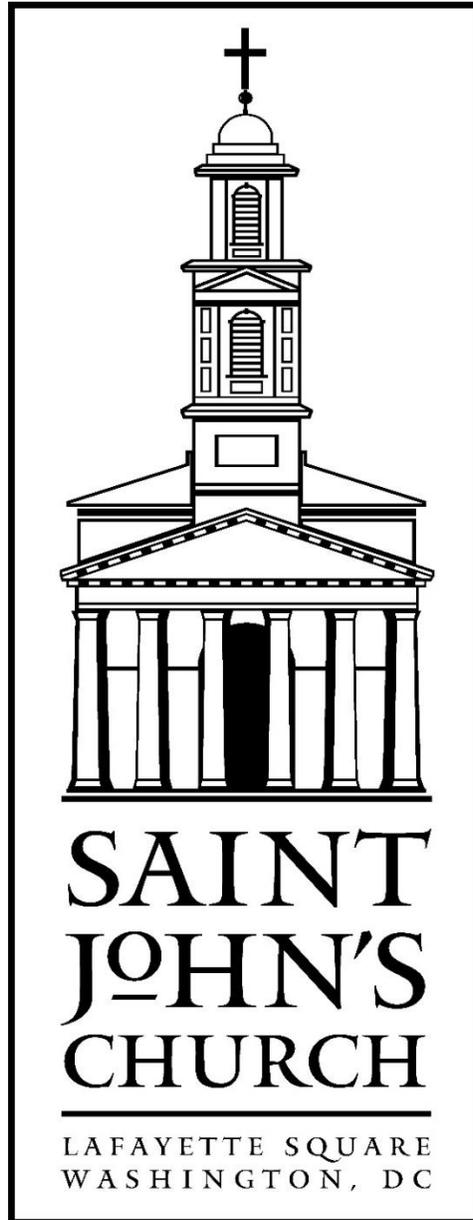


THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



August 2, 2020

WELCOME BY GREETERS AND USHERS

RECTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

Priest: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People:

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.

Priest: 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.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Priest: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Priest and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE VENITE

Led by Christina Wilson.

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
 For the Lord is a great God,
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it,
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him.

HYMN 432

O praise ye the Lord!

Sung by the Summer Choir.

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
 *3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

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THE READING

Genesis 32:22-31

Read by Riley Temple.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-7, 16

Read by Lisa Koehler.

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer*

Michael Head
(1900-1976)

Charlotte Stewart, mezzo-soprano
Samantha Scheff, organ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Read by the Nkem Onwuamaegbu.

Leader and People:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by the Elizabeth and Greg Morrison.

The people stand or kneel.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People:

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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Read by Andrew Clarke and Chip Sherrill.

Versicle: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Response: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Versicle: Day by day we bless you;

Response: We praise your Name for ever.

Versicle: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Response: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Versicle: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

Response: For we put our trust in you.

Versicle: Let your way be known upon earth;

Response: And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Priest: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Michelle Mangrum.

(adapted from prayers written by Brian McLaren.)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, “We thank you, living God.”

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For the communities of St. John’s and our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and *the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops, *Mariann* and *Chilton*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for the *Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring*, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and for all who serve our country, that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

Leader: For those in special need today, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the coronavirus* and for your care for all those in need:

People: **We thank you, living God.**

* In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.

Leader: For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Claudette Cox, Ellie Demarest, Richard Duer, Kathryn Falk, Abigail Fine, Chris Galm, Carl Hampe, Andrée Leonelli, Dick Nathan, Matt Ponder, Brittany Rabbe, Maria Reyes, Allison Smith, Aja Thomas, and Margo Wiegenstein*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Kathryn and Geoffrey Baker, Susan and Pete Carlson, Pat and Garry Dalby, Lily and Brad Kosegarten, Hilary and Noah Mehrkam, Nkem and Uche Onwuamaegbu, Savannah and Matt Ponder, Veronica and Dax Tejera, and Rachel Bright and Thomas Traxler.*

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For our country and all who serve on behalf of our civic life:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For those who have died, especially *Representative John Lewis* who died July 17, 2020 and *Barbara Johnston* who died July 31, 2020, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People: We thank you, living God.

Leader: And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People: We thank you, living God.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Read by David Gallalee.

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Read by Jack Reiffer.

Leader: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Read by Laurie Adams.

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A PRAYER FOR THE 150,000

Priest: Lord, your ways are mysterious, and your purposes unknowable. But that of which we can be sure is that when we feel sorrow, you feel sorrow, too. That when we suffer, you also suffer. That when we mourn, you mourn, as well. That when our hearts are broken, so is yours. Lord, we feel that sorrow now, that suffering now, that mourning now, and our hearts are breaking now that in this nation 150,000 of our sisters and brothers have already been taken from us by this disease. Yet, we know that your Son who suffered death itself for us, is by our side, and shares our burden. So, Lord, comfort those who have lost, protect those who remain, and take those you have gathered into that greater light where pain, and suffering, and death itself exist no more. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20, 21

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