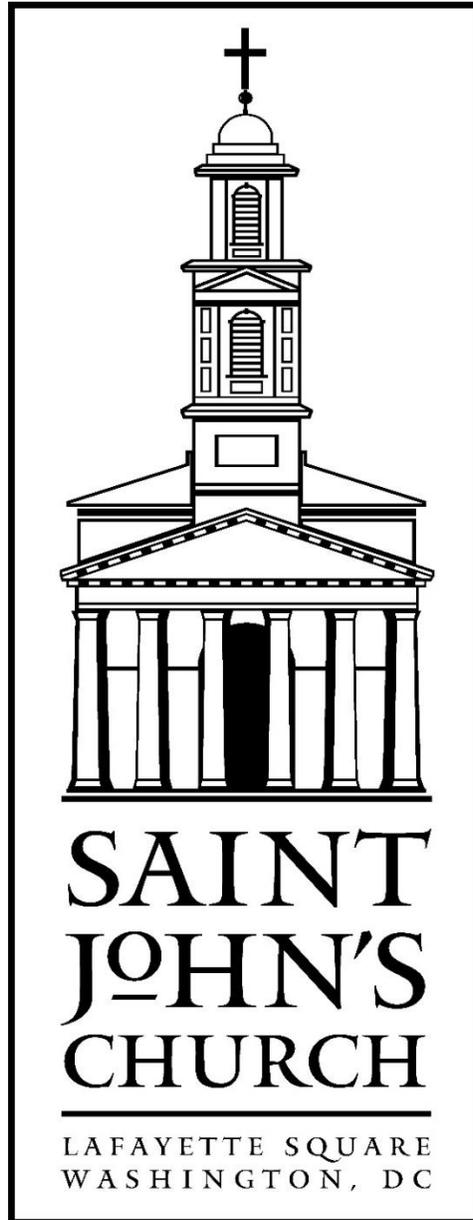


**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**August 9, 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 Clark Ervin.  
**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 691

*To come from Brent*

Sung by the Summer Choir.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)  
 Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  
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## THE READING

## Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Read by Matt Bode.*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45B**

*Read by Julia Koster.*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land  
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass,  
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

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

**ANTHEM**

*A Simple Song from Mass*

Leonard Bernstein  
(1918–1990)

Noah Calderon, tenor  
Brent Erstad, piano

Sing God a simple song  
Lau da lau de  
Make it up, as you go along  
Lau da lau de  
Sing, like you like to sing  
God loves all simple things  
For God, is the simplest of all  
For God, is the simplest of all

I will sing the Lord a new song  
To praise him, to bless  
him, to bless the Lord  
I will sing his praises, while I live  
All of my days

Blessed is the man who loves the lord  
Blessed is the man who praises him  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his way

I will lift up my eyes  
To the hills from whence comes my help  
I will lift my voice to the Lord  
Singing lau da lau de

For the lord, is my shade  
Is the shade upon my right hand  
And the sun shall not smite me by day  
For the Lord my knight  
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord  
Lau da lau da lau de  
And walks in his name

Lau da lau da lau de  
Lau da lau da di da di de-eh-eh  
All of my days

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Read by Jessica Sanchez.*

### *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 Stewart Jeffries.*

*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 Annette and Philip Anfinrud.*

**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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Priest:** Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Carolyn Crouch.*

(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 *St. Mary’s Church, Washington*, 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.**

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

**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.**

**Leader:** For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Paul Brandus, Mona Dooley, Robert Dyer, Jennifer Gardner, Jeanne Grimmert, James Hailey, Katherine Hanniford, Anne Harrington, Anderson Mehrkam, Diane Melton, Ervin Owens, Felicia Owunwanne, Morgan Parrish, Laura Patten, Powe Rigby, Benjamin Russo, Mary English Saunders, and Susan Sierck*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Michelle and Will Morris, Kaki and Chris Tipler, Susan and Paul Van Nice, Jennifer San Pietro and Jonathan Wakely*.  
**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 *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 Louisa Tierney.*

**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 Matthew Taylor and Caitlin McHale.*

**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 Allie Raether.*

**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.**

## 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*

**VOLUNTARY** *Concerto in A minor, BWV 593*

J.S. Bach  
(1685–1750)

I. Allegro

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**THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**

**USHERS:** Katie and Jeff Hantson and Grant Kraus.

**GREETERS:** Anne Stewart and Tony Tambasco and Brenda and Willy Wolter.