



# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2020 · 9:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

*Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.*

**PRELUDE:** *Menuet gothique* from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann  
(1862-1897)

## RECTOR'S WELCOME

### HYMN 665

*All my hope on God is founded*

*Please stand as the procession enters.*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The Reverend Robert W. Fisher  
*Rector*

The Reverend Savannah Ponder  
*Associate Rector*

The Reverend William Morris  
*Assisting Priest for Engaging  
Faith and the Workplace*

Kaye Edwards  
*Assistant for  
Church Growth*

Brent Erstad  
*Director of Music*

Samantha Scheff  
*Assistant Organist*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please continue to stand.*

**Priest:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE READING

*Please be seated.*

*Read by Hilary West.*

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

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

## PSALM 99

*Read by Andrew Clarke.*

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:15-22**

**Gospeller:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Preacher and People:***

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM IV)**

*Led by Carolyn Crouch.*

**Leader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world, responding with the words  
“Hear our prayer.”

**Leader:** Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**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*; and for all bishops and other ministers. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, the *Supreme Court*, and for all who serve our country. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Pat Dalby, Sharon Deangelis, Lauren Edwards, Rob Fisher, Camden Fine, Ziller Hagel, Tammi Hoback, Hunter Johnston, Carly Lyerly, Chip Lyerly, Christopher Mufarrige, Eleanor Odom, Natachi Onwuamaegbu, Mae Pappas, Susan Warren, and Dalia Zabala*; for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *McGowin and Case Anderson, Tung-lin Wu and Tony Anikeeff, Margo and Doug Arnold, Barbara and Russell Brown, Susan and Ray Petniunas, John Staples and Scott Raspa, Laurie and Jason Rossbach, Leslie Blakey and Joe Wohlmuth*, and *Brenda and Willy Wolter*; and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of *Beau Joaquin Sanchez*. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

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

**Leader:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially *Garry Dalby* who is in the hospital, *Max Hudgins* and *Jimmy Lowe* who are in hospice care; and those who are sick and who are shut-ins. For the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the coronavirus*; for *those affected by the fires in California, Oregon, and Washington*. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *Harriett B. Taylor* who died October 9, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**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.

**People:** Amen.

## THE PEACE

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O for a closer walk with God*

Charles Villers Stanford  
(1852–1924)

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the lamb.

### A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Priest and People:*

**Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please remain standing.*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

**Priest 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel.*

**Priest:** 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Priest and People:**

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**Priest:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Priest 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** 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.

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. During this time, our practice will be to offer the bread and the wine following health guidelines. An usher will provide communicants with hand sanitizer before the priest (who has washed his or her hands immediately prior) places a blessed wafer into your hands. Take a few steps, remove your mask, and consume the wafer. Blessed wine in small paper cups on a tray will be offered by a lay server.

After drinking the wine, place the cup in the basket at the end of the line.

Receiving the bread only is a valid way to share in Holy Communion. Parents may decide if their children receive the bread and/or wine. Children may instead signal their desire to be blessed by the priest by crossing their arms over their chest.

# MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

WLP 788

*As newborn stars were stirred to song*



1. As new-born stars were stirred to song when all things came to  
2. In psalms that raise the sing-er's sense to un-i-vers-al  
3. When God's re-deem-ing Word took flesh to make sal-va-tion  
4. But si-lence won no vic-t'ry there; a rest was all it



be, as Mir-i-am and Mos-es sang when  
truths, in pro-phet's dark-toned o-ra-cle or  
sure, un-heed-ing hearts at-tuned to strife re-  
scored be-fore glad al-le-lu-ias rose to



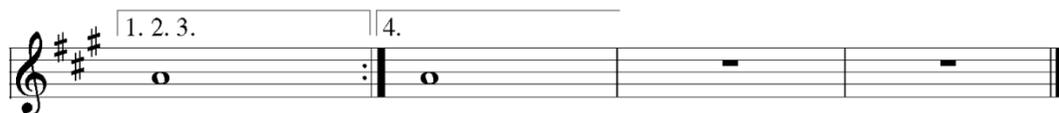
Is-rael was set free, so mu-sic bursts un-bid-den  
hymn of three brave youths: the song of faith and praise en-  
fused love's o-ver-ture. Yet to the end the song went  
greet the ri-sen Lord. The church still keeps that song a-



forth when God-filled hearts re-joice, to wak-en  
dured through those God called to be a cho-sen  
on: a sup-per's part-ing hymn, a psalm in-  
live, for death has lost its sting, and with the



awe and grat-i-tude and give mute faith a  
peo-ple bearing light for all the world to see.  
toned on dy-ing lips when sun and hope grew  
gift of life re-newed the heart will ev-er



voice.  
see.  
dim.

sing.

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

**Priest:** Let us pray.

**Priest and People:**

**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

**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.

## THE DISMISSAL

**Priest:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata from Suite gothique, Op. 25*

Léon Boëllmann

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ASSISTING AT THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE TODAY: Kenny Kraft, *Crucifer*; and Lauren Edwards, Lay Server.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism yesterday of **Beau Joaquin Sanchez**.





## *Welcome!*

AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

ST JOHN'S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John's is often referred to as the "Church of the Presidents." Pew 54 is the President's Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John's were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John's, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST JOHN'S WEBSITE [WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG) has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Speaker Series speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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### *Vestry*

Paul Barkett, *Senior Warden*  
Jeff Hantson, *Junior Warden*  
Laurie Adams, Andrew Clarke,  
Carolyn Crouch, Lauren Edwards,  
Martha Ellison, Peter Odom, Anthony  
Pegues, Scott Raab, Nora Rigby,  
Jessica Sanchez, Desirée Stolar,  
and Carl Ward.  
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