

**St. John's Episcopal Church and School
& African Palms USA**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18**

September 10, 2017

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



The Reverend Henry P. McQueen
Rector

James Kreger
Organist & Choirmaster

Carl Ridenour
Verger

Velma Collymore
Infant/Toddler Care

Welcome! We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents. We have found a loving Christian community and hospitality here, and invite you to join us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, speak to Fr. Henry.

The Ministry of the Word

Organ Music: Prelude on 'Ubi caritas et amor' Gerald R. Near

Hymn Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

*1. 2. 3.

1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, We
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care Con -
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread With

4.

come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a
 nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all
 Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like
 gifts of love and bro - ken bread, Where all find wel - come,

meet - ing ground Where hope and heal - ing love are found.
 fear and hate And lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
 steel, be strong To stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
 grace at - tends, And en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

**May be sung as a two- or four-voice canon.*

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 421 All glory be to God on high

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
 hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
 to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 People are seated.

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the

morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

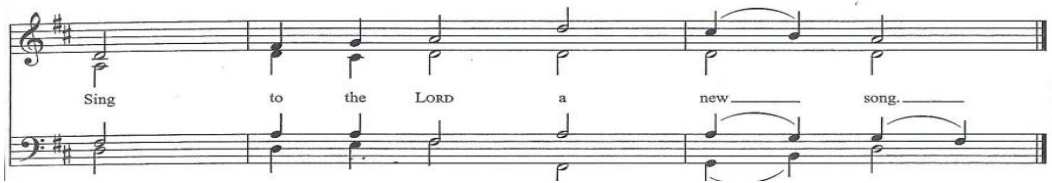
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149



- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. **Antiphon**
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds. **Antiphon**
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples; **Antiphon**
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah! **Antiphon**

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Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:15-20

People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; and Henry, our Rector,
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for
**Mac, the Hardy Family, Pat, Robert, Robin Lee and Family, Evelyn, Jan, Ken and
Family, John, Chris, Lois, and Mary; and all those affected by Hurricanes
Harvey and Irma.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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.**

The Absolution

The Peace

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

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Psalm 150

John Harper

Alleluia. Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heavens, Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness. O praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp, Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe. O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluia.

The St. John's Choir

Please stand

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus, WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, * 3 3
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na _____ in the high - est.

** Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God... (Page 368)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

S 156 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Gerald R. Near



Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Gifts of God for the People of God

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. GLUTEN FREE host is available; indicate your desire for GF host by presenting your hands palms crossed facing downward; when the GF host is offered, rotate your hands over to receive. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

Communion Hymns 336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus
593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The Dismissal *all respond* Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters

*In case of pastoral emergency, please contact
The Rev. Henry P. McQueen at 717-203-4055 or email at rector@stjec.org.*

*First Aid kits are located in the sacristy, and on the wall in the narthex
behind the door into the nave.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of Mary Patton and Gladys Segers, by Mary Ann Britton.*

Announcements

Printed copies of the sermon are available before the service from the ushers for those who need them.

The Annual Church Picnic is on next Sunday, September 17, following the 10:00 am service. There is a sign-up sheet outside Fr. Henry’s office. We are also in need of volunteers.

Pumpkin Patch - The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive Saturday, September 30 at 9 am. Help will be needed to unload the truck! Please add this to your “Save the Date”. This is a great family event and the youth can earn community service hours!!

Church School Registration forms are available. Your completed form will help us plan for this coming year.

Commonwealth Brass Concert at St. John’s - The Commonwealth Brass Quintet has gained reputation as one of the most highly respected and sought after chamber groups in the mid-Atlantic region. For over three decades, the ensemble has dazzled audiences with its entertaining style and varied repertoire. All five musicians have performed for significant world events in the area and around the world as members of elite Washington, D.C. military bands. The Commonwealth Brass members are also active performers, clinicians, and soloists throughout the

United States. Don't miss this opportunity to see them perform for FREE as part of St. John's 175th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 24th at 4 pm.

PLEASE HELP PROVIDE RELIEF – Donate to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) to provide emergency assistance to people recovering from the impact of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Your generous support will supply critical necessities for communities immediately and for the long-term as they recover and rebuild. EpiscopalRelief.Org.

We publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Joy Springer and Phil Reiff who are to be joined together in Holy Matrimony on 16 September at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Holy Play is a worship-filled playdate designed for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and a caregiver held every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Prayer Room. The program explores the lives of Holy Men and Women and is loosely based on a Morning Prayer service. Holy Play is sensory, interactive and engaging, allowing the child to learn while still having fun! For more information, contact Mother Shivaun Wilkinson (mothershivaun@icloud.com).

Sunday Evening in the Garden – on the third Sunday of the month we will offer a brief Eucharist in the Memorial Garden at 5:00 pm; September 17 is our next offering. This will be brief and informal, it will be held outside, weather permitting, and inside if the rain descends. Jesus wore sandals, so come as you are and enjoy prayer and fellowship in the garden.

Daily Devotions

The Hardy Family

Mac Angell

Robin Lee and Family

Robert Smith

Pat Martineau

Evelyn Atkinson

Jan Nicholson

Ken Waeber & Family

John Davidson

Robert (Chris) Prinz

Lois Parker

Mary Throckmorton

submitted by

Johnna Benson

Alan Soukup

Sheri Hall

David & Alexis Huey

Pastoral Care

Dennis Atkinson

Pastoral Care

Alan Soukup

Pastoral Care

Gail Prinz

Pastoral Care

Mary Twigger

Up and Coming Events

Date	Time	Event
August 20 - September 10		Sunday School Registration
September 10	8 & 10 am	Blessing of the Back Packs
	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
September 11	8:30 am	School Chapel - Holy Eucharist
	7:00 pm	Monday Mission Society
September 12	9:30 - 10:30 am	Holy Play - Prayer Room
September 17	8 & 10 am	1892 Prayer Book
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:40 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Parish Picnic
September 18	8:30 am	School Chapel
September 19	9:30 - 10:30 am	Holy Play - Prayer Room
	7:30 pm	African Palms Board Meeting
September 20	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
September 24	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:40 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
	4:00 pm	Brass Concert
September 25	8:30 am	School Chapel
September 30	9:00 am	Pumpkins Delivered
September 26	9:30 - 10:30 am	Holy Play - Prayer Room

