

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

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 22**

October 8, 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 'Repton'

Robert J. Powell

Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

When appointed, the following hymn is sung or said, all standing

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

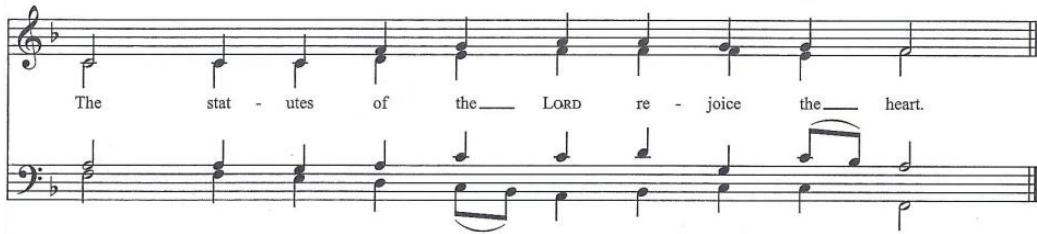
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die. Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-8



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world. **Antiphon.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **Antiphon.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
Antiphon.

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Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 546 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Matthew 21:33-46

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent

other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

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 the clergy of this Diocese, especially Henry and Shivaun, 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 those affected by hurricane, earthquake, or gun violence, and for **Jim, Anne, Paula, Christine, Mac, the Hardy Family, Pat, Robert, Robin Lee and Family, Evelyn, Janice, Ken and Family, John, Chris, Lois, and Mary.**

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, especially for the marriage of Chris Rotondo and Heather Murnane, and the 100th Birthday of Jenny Hylton.

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, especially those killed in Las Vegas, 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

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be;
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.
With the morning light O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring Prayer as morning sacrifice.
Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.*

The St. John's Choir

Please stand

T H E H O L Y C O M M U N I O N

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

American folk melody

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Optional text:*

Bless - ed is the one

We give thanks to you, O God...

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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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 471 We sing the praise of him who died
313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

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 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

The Dismissal *all respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Music: Finale Jubilante Healey Willan

The organist this morning is Barbara Bulger Verdile.

*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.

Daily Devotions

submitted by

Jim Baer	Gail Rucker
Anne Ligon Falls	Pam Fleming
Paula Fangboner	Gail Rucker
Christine Smith	Anne Frey
The Hardy Family	Johnna Benson
Mac Angell	Alan Soukup
Robin Lee and Family	Sheri Hall
Robert Smith	David & Alexis Huey
Pat Martineau	Pastoral Care
Evelyn Atkinson	Dennis Atkinson
Janice Nicholson	Pastoral Care
Ken Waeber & Family	Alan Soukup
John Davidson	Pastoral Care
Robert (Chris) Prinz	Gail Prinz
Lois Parker	Pastoral Care
Mary Throckmorton	Mary Twigger

*Names will be included for a period of four weeks.
If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please let us know.*

Up and Coming Events

Date	Time	Event
October 8	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
October 9		Church Office Closed – Columbus Day
	7:00 pm	Monday Mission Society
October 15		1928 Prayer Book
	9:00 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:40 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Handbell Rehearsal
	11:30 am	Esther Deel Wholly Thread and Whine
	4:00 pm	Trio Illumino Concert
October 16	8:30 am	School Chapel
October 18	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting

Announcements

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

Pumpkin Patch - The pumpkins have arrived. Help is still needed to work in the Patch. This is a great family event and the youth can earn community service hours! The link can be found in the Bell Tower and on the website.

Next concert coming up - **Trio Illumino** will present a concert of music for trumpet, piano, and cello at St. John's next Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 pm. This is the second in our series of concerts to commemorate our 175th anniversary. This dynamic and virtuosic trio will perform music of Claude Debussy, Manuel de Falla, Johannes Brahms, J.S. Bach, and others. Admission is free, so please invite family and friends to join you.

United Thank Offering - St. John's is continuing the ingathering for UTO, an Episcopal ministry that nurtures the habit of giving daily thanks to God. All offerings are used to support grants both nationally and worldwide. Offerings can be gathered in many ways. If you would like to know more about the importance of this mission, please contact Mathy Downing, 301-926-4272 or mathy02@aol.com.

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.

The Thomas Circle Singers, James Kreger, Artistic Director, opens it 2017-2018 concert season with “Love, labors, Loss” on Saturday, October 28 at 5:00 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 945G St, NW at Metro Center. Jim will lead the singers in a program of music that examines the significant influences on and stages of our life – the impact of love, the ordering of our daily work, and the eventuality of loss. Included will be music by Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, Gwyneth Walker, Randall Thompson and the Washington, DC premiere of Alice Parker’s “Heavenly Hurt”, a seven-movement setting of poems by Emily Dickinson. Ticket proceeds will benefit Free Minds Book Club.
www.thomascirclesingers.org.

Holy Play is a worship-filled playdate designed for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and a caregiver, held in the Prayer Room every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. 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).

As we grow, we are discerning how we can best be in ministry with and service to our teenagers at St. John's. We are hoping to develop with them an appropriate Youth Group time - with education, service opportunities, and of course, fun and fellowship. If you are over the age of 20 and interested in mentoring teenagers, from Middle School through High School in their journey with Christ, please contact Mo. Shivaun @ mothershivaun@icloud.com.

Preschool Sunday School - we are working on adding preschool Sunday School to match the days and times of Elementary Sunday school (so three Sundays a month.) We need two additional teachers. The curriculum is provided, along with the supplies. We are going to use the nursery space. Teenagers can be teachers. If any of you, parents or teens, are interested in working with the kids up through 5, please send an email to Mo. Shivaun (mothershivaun@icloud.com).

CALLING ALL WOMEN! Please join us for the **Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting**, to be held on **Saturday, October 28th**, from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**, at **St. John's Episcopal Church/Olney**. The cost is **\$25**, and includes breakfast, lunch, and materials. Please come ready to share ideas with others and meet your neighbors in Christ. Please contact Mathy Milling Downing (mathy02@aol.com) with any questions or concerns. Hope to see you there!

St. John’s is exploring establishing an **outreach ministry** to help welcome refugees resettled in the our area with approval of the U.S. Government. The Episcopal Church is active in this work through its migration ministry as are parishes in the Washington Diocese. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing facts and figures to enrich our collective understanding of the resettlement of refugees and ways St. John’s could structure an outreach ministry.

There are more than 21.3 million refugees in the world	86% Of the world's refugees are hosted by developing countries	Top host countries include: 1. Turkey (2.8 mil) 2. Pakistan (1.6 mil) 3. Lebanon (1.1 mil)
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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FACTS

Refugee: A person forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence.

Resettlement: The careful selection by governments such as the U.S. – for purposes of lawful admission – of vulnerable refugees who can neither return to their home country nor live in safety in neighboring countries.

GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT BY THE NUMBERS:

Less than 1% of the world's refugees are ever resettled.	More than countries around the world currently accept refugees for resettlement. 30	140,000 Refugee resettlement spaces were made available by those governments in 2016	8% of the global refugee population is in need of resettlement
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RESETTLEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

The United States has an exceptional history of welcoming refugees and is the top resettlement country in the world. Since 1975, the U.S. government has welcomed **over 3 million refugees** for resettlement from all over the world, and these refugees have built new lives and homes in all 50 states.

UNHCR screens and interviews each resettlement candidate. The United States then conducts its own vetting process and the U.S. alone decides whether to accept a refugee for resettlement. The entire process is conducted abroad, can take up to 2 years, and involves:

8 U.S. Federal Government Agencies	6 Different security databases	5 Separate background checks	4 Biometric security checks	3 Separate in-person interviews	2 Inter-agency security checks
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UNPRECEDENTED HURRICANE SEASON



Photo by NOAA

Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to pray for and support communities responding to a devastating and dangerous hurricane season.

Hurricane Maria's path over the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean is expected to bring significant hardship to those already affected by Hurricane Irma.

We are working with local Church partners to support their preparation for and response to the ongoing hurricane season.

In addition, Episcopal Relief & Development continues to address urgent needs in communities — from Texas to Florida to Georgia — that have been impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey.

"We have been in regular contact with our partners in the affected areas," said Abigail Nelson, Episcopal Relief & Development's Senior Vice President of Programs. "Even as we face enormous communication challenges in some areas, we know our church partners have a deep presence in their communities which allows them to quickly and effectively respond and care for people. We are supporting them in this critical work."

Your contribution to the Hurricane Relief Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance for those affected by these unprecedented storms.

To help care for those most impacted, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

We are grateful for your compassion and your partnership as, together, we heal a hurting world.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Commonwealth Brass

FREE CONCERT

4pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Worship with 1928 Book of Common Prayer

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Trio Illumino

FREE CONCERT

4pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

175th Anniversary Celebration

9am combined Worship Service

Followed by

ALL Parish Catered Brunch

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism
