

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

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 12**

July 30, 2017

10 o'clock Holy Eucharist



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

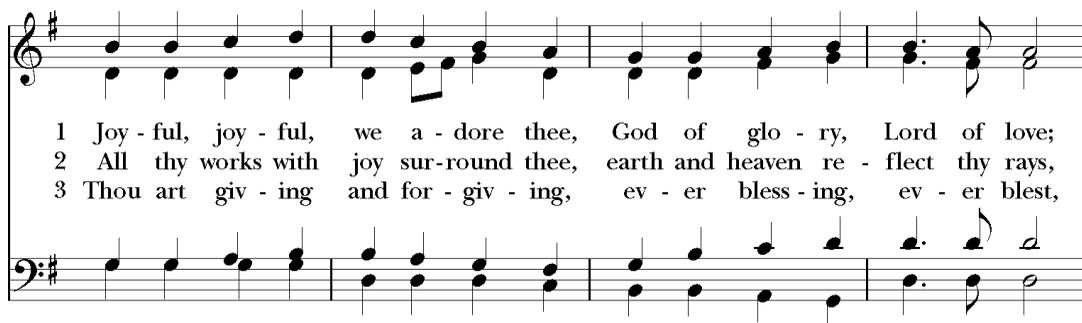
Organ Music: Rhosymedre ("Lovely") Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn 388 O worship the King, all glorious above!

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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 Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country – giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Confitemini Domino

The psalm is said antiphonally alternating between the lectern and pulpit sides of the aisle.

- 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.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 447 The Christ who died but rose again

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Sermon

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.

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 our God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for
Pat, Ken & Family, John, Chris, Lois, Betsy, Rick, Ned, Mary, and Scott. We
pray for Mary Lou, Lois, Parr, and Fr. Henry as they are in Tanzania on behalf of
African Palms.

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.

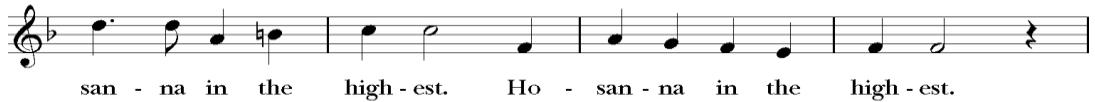
Celebrant and People

**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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God...

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:

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The people are seated.

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 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

The Dismissal *all respond* Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: Trumpet Tune and March Jeremiah Clarke

We welcome Mother Shivaun Wilkinson as our celebrant and preacher this morning.

*In case of pastoral emergency, please contact
Mother Shivaun Wilkinson at 949-433-7998.*

*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.

Announcements

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

Sunday Adult Forum - The Forum is on hiatus and will reconvene in the Fall.

Sunday Evening in the Garden – on the third Sunday of the summer months we have been offering a brief Eucharist in the Memorial Garden at 5:00 pm; our last offering will be Sunday, August 20. 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.

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!!

Daily Devotions

submitted by

Pat Martineau	Pastoral Care
Ken Waeber & Family	Alan Soukup
John Davidson	Pastoral Care
Robert (Chris) Prinz	Gail Prinz
Lois Parker	Pastoral Care
Betsy O’Neil	Pastoral Care
Rick Legeer	Josie Legeer
Ned Hines	Lisa Stylos
Mary Throckmorton	Mary Twigger
Scott Poole	Pastoral Care

Up and Coming Events

Date	Time	Event
July 24 - August 6		Fr. Henry in Tanzania
August 6		Fill Fred's Ford
August 6 - August 14		Fr. Henry - Vacation
August 13	10:00 am	Baptisms
August 15	10:45 am	Staff Meeting
August 16	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
August 20	5:00 pm	Sunday Evening Service in the Garden
August 22	10:45 am	Staff Meeting

HERE'S THE
NEWS



2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. John's offers two Sunday School classes... K-3rd grade, and 4th-7th grade. Classes begin at 9:40 am and extend until the children join their family at the 10 am service during the Offering of the Peace. 24 Sunday School classes are offered from mid-September to early May. Classes are interactive and involve themes from the week's readings as well as story telling, hands-on activities, and age appropriate conversations. All lessons plans are provided by the Episcopal Church. The first Sunday of the month (in place of classes) families are encourage to bring their children to worship with them at 10am.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**

For more information contact:
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SAVE THE DATE . SAVE THE DATE . SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Worship with 1892 Book of Common Prayer

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Annual Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

FREE Concert @ 4pm with Commonwealth Brass

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

Worship with 1928 Book of Common Prayer

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FREE Concert @ 4pm with Trio Illumino

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

175th Anniversary Celebration with

9am worship service

Followed by an

ALL Parish Catered Brunch

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism