

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

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 20**

**September 24, 2017**

**10 o'clock Holy Eucharist**







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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.*

## Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

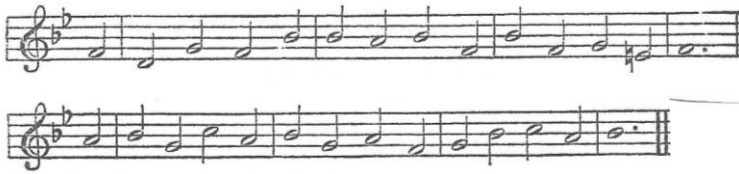
Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

*People*                      The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 105:1-6



1. Give thanks and praise, make known God's Name  
And deeds to everyone;  
Sing praise, sing praise and tell of all  
The wonders God has done.
2. Let hearts that seek the Lord be glad  
And glory in God's grace;  
Seek for the Lord and all God's strength,  
Seek constantly God's face.
3. Remember all the wonders and  
The judgments God made known,  
O Abraham and Sarah's heirs,  
Those chosen as God's heirs.

## Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For

he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well -- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 551 Rise up, ye saints of God!

## **Matthew 20:1-16**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People*

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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.

*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 wild fire, and for **Mac, the Hardy Family, Pat, Robert, Robin Lee and Family, Evelyn, Jan, 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.

*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: Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual  
Arranged by Brian Tate

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.  
Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.*

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:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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). 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: "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast." The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church service.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*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.*

Communion Hymns 341 For the bread which you have broken  
660 O Master let me walk with thee

*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 541 Come, labor on

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

Organ Music:      Jubilate      Roy Douglas

*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.*

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
 In Memory of Audrey Balderson, by Don & Mary Balderson; and  
 Her niece and nephew Susan Robinson and Doug Craig; and  
 In Memory of Virginia I. Boyd, by Lee, Nancy, Kurt, Leslie,  
 Eric and Janie Einwachter.*  
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**Daily Devotions**

*submitted by*

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 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     |
| Jan 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

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b>     | <b>Event</b>                                |
|----------------|-----------------|---|
| September 24   | 11:30 am        | Handbell Rehearsal                          |
|                | 4:00 pm         | Commonwealth Brass Concert                  |
| September 25   | 8:30 am         | School Chapel                               |
| September 26   | 9:30 - 10:30 am | Holy Play - Prayer Room                     |
| September 28   | 12:00 pm        | Women of St. John's Luncheon Meeting        |
| September 30   | 9:00 am         | Pumpkins Delivered                          |
| October 1      |                 | Fill Fred's Ford                            |
|                | 9:00 am         | Choir Rehearsal                             |
|                | 9:40 am         | Sunday School                               |
|                | 11:30 am        | Handbell Rehearsal                          |
| October 1 - 22 |                 | UTO Campaign                                |
| October 2      | 8:30 am         | School Chapel - HE                          |
| October 7      | 10:00 am        | Blessing of the Animals - St. Bartholomew's |
| October 8      | 9:00 am         | Choir Rehearsal                             |
|                | 9:40 am         | Sunday School                               |
|                | 11:30 am        | Handbell Rehearsal                          |
| October 9      |                 | Church Office Closed - Columbus Day         |
|                | 7:00 pm         | Monday Mission Society                      |

## **Announcements**

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

**Pumpkin Patch** - The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive this Saturday, September 30 at 9 am. Help will be needed to unload the truck! This is a great family event and the youth can earn community service hours! Please use the following link to sign up [Pumpkin Patch Sign Up!](#) The link can also be found in the Bell Tower and on the website.

**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 this afternoon at 4 pm.

**Next concert** coming up - **Trio Illumino** will present a concert of music for trumpet, piano, and cello at St. John's on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 pm. This is the second in our series of concerts to commemorate our 175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Women of St. John's** will hold a Lunch Meeting on Thursday, September 28, at 12 noon, in the Terrace Room, Leisure World. For more information, contact Diane McQueen, 717-419-5892.



**United Thank Offering** - St. John's is beginning 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. Our Sunday School students will receive UTO boxes. Envelopes will be at the end of every pew, and small change purses will be available to gather loose change. If you would like to know more about the importance of this mission, please contact Mathy Downing, 301-926-4272 or [mathy02@aol.com](mailto:mathy02@aol.com).

**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](mailto:mothershivaun@icloud.com)).

**The Blessing of the Animals** will be held at 10am, Saturday, October 7 at Saint Bartholomew's in Laytonsville. Last year St. Bart's came to our parish and this year we travel to St. Bart's for this wonderful recognition of the life of Saint Francis and the important role that our companion animals play in our lives. Each animal present will receive a blessing as part of a brief service; there will also be exhibits and raffle items available. Join us to celebrate our furry friends.

# 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](http://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

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**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*

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