



St. John's Episcopal Church

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II OCTOBER 18, 2020 10:00 AM

Voluntary

Sonata 3, Op. 88: Intermezzo

Josef Rheinberger

Entrance Hymn 372, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

Praise to the living God!

Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 684, vv. 1-2, 5 (*Sung by all*)

O for a closer walk with God

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!

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?

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.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1-15-22

Priest: 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Homily

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh

The Prayers of the People

Father, grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering Donald, our president, Ron, our Governor, and John, our mayor, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Remembering all those affected by hurricanes and tropical storms, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Charles Deal and Isabella Oate, give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering Julia Livingston, Lucia Quintiliani, Shari Arrington, Doug Smith, Jane Aurell, Marcos de Souza Lima, Nan Stowell, Mateo Davies, Diana Fernandez, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Remembering Emory Proctor Demont, baptized last week, and Gray Hodsdon, ordained to the priesthood today, we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest.

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ taught us to love and serve, may we be guided by your Spirit in this time of discernment for our nation. Make us aware of those who do not have the freedom to vote, and to remember those who gave their lives for this country. Grant us wisdom as we choose our leaders, and the grace to accept the results with humility. Give us compassion and strength to heal the divisions, and empower us to work toward the common good. All this we ask in your name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest offers absolution of sin.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Let everything

André J. Thomas

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- 1. You can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56*
- 2. You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage.*

3. *You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301.*
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The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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 S 129 (*Sung by all*)

Holy, holy, holy

Robert Powell

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.

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 many 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.

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. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Said by all)*

Priest: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, we thank you for the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Since we cannot receive you at this time, come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your grace and strength, and 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

Closing Hymn 408, vv. 1-2 *(Sung by all)*

Sing praise to God

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo!
all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude in A minor

Johannes Brahms

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Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Lynne E. McGuire, by Elizabeth Anderson

In memory of Terry Mullen, by her daughter, Nancy Brand