



St. John's Episcopal Church

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
OCTOBER 25, 2020
10:00 AM

Voluntary

Master Tallis' Testament

Herbert Howells

Entrance Hymn 517, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

How lovely is thy dwelling place

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out, O loving God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

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 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 602, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Refrain Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily

The Sermon

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Janet Burleson, 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, Marcos de Souza Lima, Nan Stowell, Mateo Davies, Diana Fernandez, Daniel, Ann Macmillan,
Kenneth Reckford, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

My Jesus is my lasting joy
Mia Pesta, soprano

Dieterich Buxtehude

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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.*
4. *If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

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 605, vv. 1-2, 4 *(Sung by all)*

What does the Lord require

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall my soul fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endure our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy we'll humbly walk with God.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata in D minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

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Flower Dedication

In loving memory of Eleanor Hunter, by Lora Hunter