



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II AUGUST 7, 2022 10:00 AM

**Tower Bells**

**Voluntary**

*Duo passacaglia in D*

Anonymous

Tallahassee Bach Parley Musicians:

Valerie Arsenault, violin; Brian Arsenault, viola; Zlatina Staykova, cello

### The Liturgy of the Word

**Entrance Hymn 379** (*All stand as able*)

*God is Love, let heaven adore him*

#### 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.**

**Hymn of Praise** (*Sung first by the choir then sung two times by all*)

Gondo/Bell



Come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Ma-ker, Come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Ma-ker,



Come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Ma-ker, Come now and wor-ship the Lord.

#### The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20** (*Seated*)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24** (*Read responsively by half verse*)

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

**The Second Reading Hebrews 3:1-3, 8-16** (*Seated*)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has

foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn 482** *(Standing)*

*Lord of all hopefulness*

### **The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40** *(Standing)*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Children’s Chapel**

*Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children may process out to Children’s Chapel. They will return during the Peace.*

### **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Lonnie Lacy

### **The Nicene Creed** *(Said by all, standing)*

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 Prayers of the People** *(Standing or kneeling)*

*Leader:* 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 Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. 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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Charlie, our Bishop Coadjutor-elect; Lonnie, our rector; Joe, our deacon; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Nancy Middleton, Ed Babcock, Jack Ballard, Margaret Pendleton, Bob Sloyer, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Remembering Charles Kiser, Ned Bowersox, and Will Woodsmall, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*(Silence)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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

*All:* 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 Priest offers absolution of sins.*

### **The Peace** *(Standing)*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

*My heart ever faithful*

J. S. Bach

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

**Presentation Hymn 432, v. 4** *(Sung by all, standing)*

*O praise ye the Lord!*

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A** *(Standing)*

*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**

*Land of Rest*

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. Hosanna in the highest.

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

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** *(Said by all)*

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**

#### **Fraction Anthem** *(Sung by all)*

Jamaican folk melody

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain:* Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread in your hand. The Christian tradition teaches that Christ is fully received in one kind. You may wish to receive the wine from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to intinct your wafer in the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest, and the server will know that you would prefer to be blessed rather than to receive.*

#### **Communion Voluntary** **Communion Hymns 309, 316**

*Two Intermezzi for String Trio*

C. Hubert H. Parry

#### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following rite is offered:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth to... bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn 377** *(Standing)*

*All people that on earth do dwell*

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Voluntary**

*Prelude in G major, BWV 568*

J. S. Bach

## Tower Bells

### Flower Dedications

*In thanksgiving for William F. Bazzel, Jr., by Helen Haines*  
*In memory of Frank H. Carter on his birthday, by Linda D. Carter*

*To make a digital offering, use your phone's camera to scan here:*

