

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 20 September 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.  
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Tower Bells

**Voluntary** .....**Allegro con brio** (Sonata in B-flat)  
Felix Mendelssohn

**Not here for high and holy things** (*Stand*) ..... **Hymn 9**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*  
*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

**Song of Praise** ..... **Hymn S 236**

### The Collect of the Day

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

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.*

**Children’s Chapel** (*9:00 a.m. only*)

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel  
for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.*

### A Reading from the Book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they  
turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the  
calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did  
not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.  
He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said  
while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to  
Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious  
God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast  
love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord,  
please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to  
live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then  
Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and  
made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade,  
waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over  
Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his  
discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when  
dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that  
attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God  
prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head  
of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He  
said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about  
the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the  
Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did  
not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a  
night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned  
about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a  
hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their  
right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

[*Jonah 3:10-4:11*]

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

### Psalm 145:1-8

*Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Joseph Barnby*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance  
of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

### A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

[*Philippians 1:21-30*]

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

**O Jesus, I have promised** (*Stand*) ..... **Hymn 655**

### The Gospel

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.” [Matthew 20:1-16]

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader Lead us with gladness, O God;  
People cover us with shouts of joy!

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory .....Steal away  
arr. Martha Sullivan

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 432, v.4

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!

Eucharistic Prayer A ..... BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all)..... Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all) ..... Hymn S 154

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Motet (9:00 a.m. only) ..... Bist du bei mir (Be Thou with me)  
J. S. Bach

Sung by the Choristers

Communion Hymns.....326, 659, 332

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this  
Congregation, to N. 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

Rise up, ye saints of God (Stand) ..... Hymn 551

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary..... Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata in B-flat)  
Felix Mendelssohn

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Marcy Muldrow Sanders in loving memory of Phil Sanders,  
and in celebration of the anniversary of Bill & Lottie Muldrow.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite I) .....Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
service is livestreamed  
11:15 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
with Healing Prayer  
5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel  
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to  
praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Charley, Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Naomi, Jacqueline Heckel, William Irvine, Monica, Kelsey & Baby Amelia Edwards, Ralph Turner, Stephen Parker Mason, Earle, Millie & Seth Watson, Walter

The Departed: Kurtis Davis Ventry, Jeffrey Thornton

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacon; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders