



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

17 September 2023
10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *A Modal Menuet*

Eric Thiman

Hymn 410

Lauda anima

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Laudate Dominum

4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1. Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Reader A reading from Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 631

Liebster Jesu

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

Nicene Creed

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

That this day may be holy, good, and joyful:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with Mary, John, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

We pray to you, O Lord.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop; for our clergy, staff, and vestry; for the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; for The Church of Ireland, and St. John's, Speedway.

We pray for the people of Libya and Morocco; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across our nation and in our community. We pray for all those commended to our prayers including those we name together: **Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Helen Slagel, Don Nead, Douglas Campbell, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Martie & John, Scott, John, Julie, Corey, Jerry & Sandra, Marcus, Lori, Deb, Laura, and their families**, and for those we name now either silently or aloud....

We pray for all who have died, including those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud....

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

The presider concludes the prayers

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Anthem Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where true charity is, God is there.

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each starting with a treble clef and a flat sign (B-flat).
Staff 1: Labeled 'Presider' on the left and 'People' on the right. Lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.'
Staff 2: Labeled 'Presider' on the left and 'People' on the right. Lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'
Staff 3: Labeled 'Presider'. Lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'
Staff 4: Labeled 'People'. Lyrics: 'It is right to give God 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son....

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine....

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking the Bread

Douglas Major

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

The Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 577

Hymn 300

Ubi caritas (Murray)

Benifold

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, and they respond

Amen.

Hymn 492

Finnian

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Finale in D Minor*

Eric Thiman

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Bradley Pace
Preacher	Jason Fortner
MC	Kathy Johnson
Acolyte	George Moore
Lectors	Sally Hastings, Marylin Howland Ross
LEM	Brent Ladd
Ushers	Dorinda Kueberth, Jack Kueberth
Counters	Maggie McClure, Bruce Johnson
Altar Guild	Angela Mosier, Jennifer Stein, Julie Peretin, Sally Byrn



Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Announcements



Join the 2023 Hunger Hike

Lunch and games at St. John's after the 10:15 a.m. service

Event beginning at 1 p.m. with hike beginning at 2 p.m. at Riehle Plaza

Hunger Hike is an annual community fundraising event whose mission is to Raise Awareness & Make a Difference in the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally.



Use the QR code to support the St. John's Team Page.



Stewardship Kickoff Lunch

**NEXT Sunday
September 24**

Join the St. John's congregation for the Stewardship Kickoff. There will be only one in-person service that Sunday, but we will have entertainment and a celebratory lunch. Everyone is welcome. We will also take a moment to share the value we find in being part of this community.

We hope you'll join us. Brought to you by the Stewardship Committee: Bill McInerney (chair), Jamie Davis, Cindy Gerlach, Kristine Holtvedt, & Kathy Johnson.



Book Fair – TODAY

Former Sunday school and church library books are available in St. John's Commons to take home. The books are free for the taking, but you're invited to make a donation to support Jubilee Christmas at St. John's!

EWM Fall 2023 Women's Retreat

The Diocese of Indianapolis' Episcopal Women's Ministries invites you join us September 22-24 for the IndyDio Women's Self-care Weekend at Waycross. Information cards can be found in St. John's Commons (on the table outside the kitchen). If you have questions, please contact Charlene Watson at 765.474.9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net. Register or find more information at bit.ly/Retreat2023EWM.

Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer—Brent & Elizabeth Ladd, Keith & Samantha LeGrand, Marilyn & Randy Leigh, Karen Lohmeyer, Teresa Lohrman

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The leaders of our Communion—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; and St. Matthew's, Indianapolis

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors

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