



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

24 September 2023
10:15 a.m.

Voluntary Symphony 5: *Adagio*

C.M. Widor

Hymn 690

Cwm Rhondda

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.

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.**

The First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3. Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4. Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.
5. Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6. O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader A reading from Philippians.

For 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

Michael Bennett

The congregation repeats the antiphon after it is introduced, and then again following the chanted verse.

Andante ♩ = 72



A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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."

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.

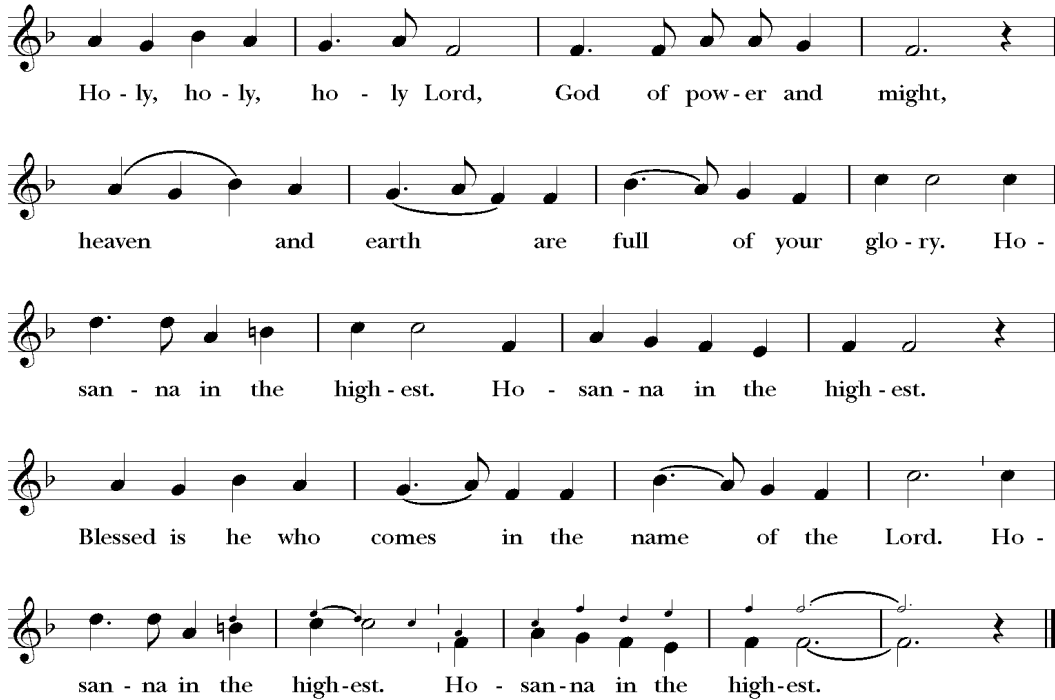
We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop; for our clergy, staff, and vestry; for the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; for The Church of Ireland, and St. Michael's, Noblesville.

We pray 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 Roy Meeks, Wes Shook, 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.

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 343

St. Agnes

Hymn 312

Malabar

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.

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 541

Ora Labora

Grace & Invitation

Please stay for lunch in St. John's Commons.

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Jason Fortner
Preacher	Bradley Pace
MC	Greg McClure
Acolyte	Jennifer Stein
Lectors	George Moore, Kristine Holtvedt
LEM	Betty Tonsing
Ushers	Jack Kueberth, Ray Polstra
Counters	Rachel Shook, Kristine Holtvedt
Altar Guild	Dorinda Kueberth, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Linda Jeffries, Robert Kurtz



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



Stewardship Campaign 2023

Stewardship Kickoff Lunch

TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service

Join the St. John's congregation for the Stewardship Kickoff. There will be a celebratory lunch and entertainment after today's service. 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.



Service Sharing Community

If you would like to get a jump start in this year's campaign by pledging early, go to www.stjohns-laf.org/giving or use the QR code. Brought to you by the Stewardship Committee: Bill McInerney (chair), Jamie Davis, Cindy Gerlach, Kristine Holtvedt, & Kathy Johnson.

Children & Youth activities TODAY during the Stewardship Kickoff Event

This Sunday after they eat and during the Stewardship Kickoff Event, children, youth, and volunteers are invited to the Bishop's Parlor for fellowship and fun! We will start with a few games and prizes. Kids will be invited to make connections with and find God's presence in one another. We will discuss ways that we can all give back to God and craft a tithe savings bank. The goal is to create space for the question: "what else can we offer or give?" In the weeks to come, inspire your child to add coins, little treasures, and prayers to reinforce offering our treasure and talent to God. For more information, contact Amanda at amanda@stjohns-laf.org.

Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who participated in or supported the 2023 Hunger Hike to combat food insecurity in our community. As of September 22, **St. John's raised nearly \$3400**. Overall, the Hunger Hike raised over \$113,000 to fight hunger in our community. For more information and final totals, visit www.hungerhike.org.

You may still contribute by using the QR code to donate directly to St. John's Team Page.



Sunday School/Godly Play for Pre-kindergarten-5th grade

Sundays at 9:15 a.m., beginning October 1

Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum for children 4 years-old through 5th grade that follows the pattern of Christian worship and our church seasonal calendar. It teaches children religious language through sacred stories, parables, and liturgical action, as well as enhances their spiritual experience through wonder and responsive play. Classroom size is limited so we encourage you to register your child or grandchild as soon as possible. Location: Art Room. **Register for Sunday School at www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration.**

Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 1, 5 p.m.

Bring your furry friends to St. John's and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. There will be a short prayer service in the St. John's Memorial Garden during which animals may be blessed. All pets are welcome (as well as pictures or stuffed animals).

Introduction to Anglican Christianity & the Episcopal Church

Beginning October 3, 6 p.m. at St. John's

Come to St. John's on Tuesday nights beginning October 3 for six sessions on the big questions of Anglican Christianity and the Episcopal Church. For those of you who are new to the Episcopal Church, we will also discuss the way Episcopalians approach theology and Scripture and learn a little about our shared history. We will be joined by our friends from Good Shepherd.

Dinner will be provided. Childcare will also be available (please contact Fr. Bradley if you need childcare). For more information, contact Fr. Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org or call the church office at 765.742.4079.

Fall Schedule for Greater Lafayette Episcopal Youth Group

The youth from Good Shepherd and St. John's will meet regularly throughout the fall. More information is coming soon about events in October including bowling, a trip to Exploration Acres, and formation. Get an updated schedule at www.stjohns-laf.org/youth. If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Hilary Cooke at hilary@goodshp.org or Father Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.

Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer—David Riesbeck, Paul & Jo Roberts, Stuart & Bonnie Robertson, Mary Anne Robinson, Jim & Carolyn Roth

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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 Ireland; and St. Michael's, Noblesville

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

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