



# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Holy Eucharist

1 October 2023  
10:15 a.m.

**Voluntary** *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

J.S. Bach

**Hymn 686**

*Nettleton*

### 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

*Reader* A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works he has done.
12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. He split open the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
14. He led them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16. He brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

*Reader* A reading from Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*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 21:23-32

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

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*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 Anglican Communion in Japan, and St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Zionsville.

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, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Helen Slagel, Don Nead, Douglas Campbell, Nancy Moody, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Logan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Martie & John, Scott, John, Julie, Corey, Jerry & Sandra, Marcus, Lori, Deb, Laura, Paul, Terry, Julia, 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.

*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 *Let This Mind Be in You***

Lee Hoiby

**The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B**

Presider People  
The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.

Presider People  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People  
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 339

*Schmücke dich*

Hymn 585

*Bingham*

### **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 657**

*Hyfrydol*

### **The Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *A Trumpet Minuet*

Alfred Hollins

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*



## Those Serving

<b>Presider</b>	Bradley Pace
<b>Preacher</b>	Jason Fortner
<b>MC</b>	George Moore
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jack Kueberth
<b>Lectors</b>	Betty Tonsing, Marilyn Howland Ross
<b>LEM</b>	Samantha LeGrand
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Johnson, Carol L'Homme
<b>Counters</b>	Sally Hastings, Becky Dick
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elizabeth White, Jennifer Chandler, Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander



## 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.

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## 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](http://stjohns-laf.org/guest) or use the QR code.





## Parish Announcements

### **Service Sharing Community—the 2023 Stewardship Campaign**

Through our service and sharing, we create the community of St. John's. In this season of stewardship, the Stewardship Committee invites you to give generously to make our service, sharing, and community flourish. More information and pledge cards will go out soon. Beat the rush and pledge online using the QR code or go to [www.stjohns-laf.org/giving](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/giving).



Service Sharing Community

For more information, contact the Stewardship Committee chairperson, Bill McInerney at [billmcinerney45@gmail.com](mailto:billmcinerney45@gmail.com).

### **Sunday School/Godly Play for Pre-kindergarten-5th grade Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Art Room**

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](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration).**

### **Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis—Blessing of the Animals TODAY at 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).

### **The prayers for the sick have been “reset”.**

Today is the first Sunday of the fourth quarter of the year and the prayers for the sick have been reset. Those who request prayers are reminded of their responsibility to share with us “how it goes” for the persons for whom you ask us to pray. Pass word to the clergy or email the office, please.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/youth). If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Hilary Cooke at [hilary@goodshep.org](mailto:hilary@goodshep.org) or Father Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).



## Parish Prayer List

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**—Alice Anderson, Mikhail & Karen Atallah, Jenni and Sam Augsburger, Briggitta August & Will Sartore and their children Nathan and Eleanor

**Parish Prayer List**—Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Dean Hunter, Nancy Moody, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Helen Slagel, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrndt, Douglas Campbell, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie & John, Julia, Joy, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben and their families. 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.

**For those who have died**—For all who have died, including Roy Meeks, Wes Shook, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

**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 Anglican Communion in Japan; and St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Zionsville

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

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