

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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July 5, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – via Zoom
Liturgy of the Word, Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

Getting to the Service Using Zoom

Zoom provides the capability for individuals to participate in the service using video or just audio by telephone. We will try to start the service as close to 10 am as possible so be sure to access the meeting early. The session will be open about 15 minutes before the service starts.

To participate using zoom click the link below or copy it and paste it into your browser address box.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87546517174?pwd=RjBsYkE0WUFiK2M1U0tCbVwNIBCZz09>

If you can't copy the link -- go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 875 4651 7174 and Password: 2020.

If you don't have zoom on your device you will need to do that prior to the service.

If you only want to participate by phone, dial either 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. When you are connected you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 875 4651 7174. You will then be prompted to enter the password 2020.

MUTING/UNMUTING PROCEDURES

To address a number of issues, Zoom has made numerous updates in their software over the past couple of months to address security related issues. One prevents us from centrally unmuting an individual or everyone.

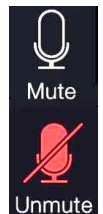
In the past we centrally muted everyone then selectively unmuted when the priest or the leader of the prayers was speaking or Judith was playing. We would then unmute all for the response. As noted above we can no longer centrally unmute. We are now asking everyone to unmute themselves at the appropriate times.

You will see that at several places where there is a short prayer or reading by the priest, we previously had muted everyone; this week we will not mute everyone in those instances. We will mute everyone for the Epistle and Gospel readings and the sermon, but the reader may have to unmute themselves. Each of you will need to unmute yourself at the appropriate time as is noted below. Please be very aware of any sounds in your area and mute yourself to not disturb the rest of the congregation.

How to Unmute or Mute your connection – If you are using the zoom app, you will see one of these two icons at the bottom left of your screen. When the top one shows you are unmuted, if click on it, it will change to the bottom one indicating you are muted.

If you dial in by phone, press *6 to switch between Mute and Unmute.

You can temporarily unmute some devices by holding the space bar.



Invitation to Community Forum: Following today's homily, you are invited to share your thoughts and feelings for saying goodbye to our rector and to beginning a new chapter at St. John's.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING PRAYER *(each person unmutes themselves)*

People Amen.

OPENING HYMN 657: “Love divine, all loves excelling” (vs. 1&3)

(There will be one time through with just the music then we will each sing) (Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *(each person unmutes themselves)*
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Priest and people say (we will pause at the end of each phrase until all are ready for the next phrase)

Almighty God, (p – pause)
to you all hearts are open, (p)
all desires known, (p)
and from you no secrets are hid: (p)
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts (p)
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, (p)
that we may perfectly love you, (p)
and worthily magnify your holy Name; (p)
through Christ our Lord. (p)
Amen.

THE GLORIA

Sung by all (Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you. *(each person unmutes themself)*

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 *(Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes themself)*

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" – let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master

Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *(each person unmutes themself)*

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

Psalm 45:11-18 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 648)

(We will say the Psalm responsively by whole verse - with a pause until all are ready for the next phrase at each (p))

- 11 "Hear, O daughter;
consider and listen closely; *
forget your people
and your father's house.
- 12 **The king will have pleasure (p)
in your beauty; * (p)
he is your master; (p)
therefore do him honor.**
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 **All glorious is the princess as she enters; * (p)
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 **With joy and gladness they are brought, * (p)
and enter into the palace of the king.**
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 **I will make your name (p)
to be remembered (p)
from one generation to another; * (p)
therefore nations will praise you (p)
for ever and ever."**

Second Lesson: a reading from Romans 7:15-25a (*Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes themselves*)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord. (*each person unmutes themselves*)

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 692: “I heard the voice of Jesus say” (vs. 1 & 3)

(*There will be one time through with just the music then we will each sing*) (*Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself*)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till pilgrim days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.
Music: *The Third Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); ed. John Wilson (b. 1905). By permission of Oxford University Press

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (*each person unmutes themselves*)

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

(*Centrally Mute All – the Priest unmutes himself*)

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. (*each person unmutes themselves*)

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard

(Centrally Mute All – the Priest unmutes himself)

Community Forum: *Please share your reflections from last week's farewell to Ann and the beginning of the interim period.*

THE NICENE CREED *(each person unmutes themselves)*

We believe in one God, (p)

the Father, the Almighty, (p)

maker of heaven and earth, (p)

of all that is, seen and unseen. (p)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, (p)

the only Son of God, (p)

eternally begotten of the Father, (p)

God from God, Light from Light, (p)

true God from true God, (p)

begotten, not made, (p)

of one Being with the Father (p)

Through him all things were made. (p)

For us and for our salvation (p)

he came down from heaven: (p)

by the power of the Holy Spirit (p)

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, (p)

and was made man. (p)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; (p)

he suffered death and was buried. (p)

On the third day he rose again (p)

in accordance with the Scriptures; (p)

he ascended into heaven (p)

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. (p)

He will come again in glory to judge the living

and the dead, (p)

and his kingdom will have no end. (p)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of

life, (p)

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. (p)

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and

glorified. (p)

He has spoken through the Prophets. (p)

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic

Church. (p)

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness

of sins. (p)

We look for the resurrection of the dead, (p)

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all of the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Please offer your prayers for thanksgivings, birthdays, and anniversaries.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Please offer your prayers for healing, special concerns, and safe travel.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, (p)
we confess that we have sinned against you (p)
in thought, word, and deed, (p)
by what we have done, (p)
and by what we have left undone. (p)
We have not loved you with our whole heart; (p)
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. (p)**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. (p)
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, (p)
have mercy on us and forgive us; (p)
that we may delight in your will, (p)
and walk in your ways, (p)
to the glory of your Name. (p)
Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the people greet one another in the name of the Lord. (We will call out each person's name and they will offer us all a greeting.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

After the Peace the Priest says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Please offer your prayers for anyone who has died.)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, (p)
hallowed be thy Name, (p)
thy kingdom come, (p)
thy will be done, (p)
on earth as it is in heaven. (p)
Give us this day our daily bread. (p)
And forgive us our trespasses, (p)
as we forgive those (p)
who trespass against us. (p)
And lead us not into temptation, (p)
but deliver us from evil. (p)
For thine is the kingdom, (p)
and the power, and the glory, (p)
for ever and ever. (p)
Amen.

THE BLESSING

People *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 719: "O beautiful for spacious skies"

(Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife, who more
than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thy every flaw,
confirm thy soul
in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt.
Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *(unmuted)*
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *(Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)*

At the end of the postlude, each person unmutes themselves so we can chat with one another.

Announcements

Supply and Supply Plus+ Minister. During the interim period, St. John's will be enlisting the Rev. Dr. Laurence K. ("Larry") Packard to officiate Sunday services and provide additional clergy consultation and pastoral care. The Vestry will formalize a Letter of Agreement with him to outline specific duties. Please take note that we are not using an interim rector and that the lay leaders of the parish remain in charge.

Pastoral Care during the Interim Period. The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. ("Larry") Packard is available for pastoral care—abiding by the Diocesan health and safety guidelines. He may be reached at: minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or 703-425-8315 or 703-606-3109.

Virginia Pearson is still working from home and not going into the office. Someone does come by to check the mail. If you have any administrative questions, you can reach her at office@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or leave a message on the church phone 703-671-6834.

Our Senior Warden, Cassandra (Sandy) Winger, is the individual charged with leadership until St. John's appoints a successor to Ann. She can be contacted at srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or on her cell phone 703-498-6990.

Ann's contact information. Beginning July 13, new address is 315 Waterford Landing, McDonough, GA 30253. Phone: 703-622-2373. Personal email: abbarker3156@gmail.com. Ann says that you are free to contact her anytime.

St. John's position on racism can be found on the home page of our website, www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

St. John's Book Club is meeting Tuesday, July 7 for a purely social gathering. We will meet in the Frank Todd Memorial Garden, socially-distanced, of course. Everyone is welcome to attend. Remember to bring a chair.

Over the summer, the Book Club is reading *My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You* by Fredrik Backman for the September meeting. This is available at Arlington libraries in book form, ebook, and large print versions. There are some holds on them, so it's best to get your name on a list now so that you can get a copy in time to read it.

Forward Day By Day. Copies, both regular size and large print, are still in a box in front of the church door (Lexington Street side). Please stop by and help yourself.

Return to worship in the church. The return to in-person worship has no specific date yet. The diocese is waiting for the number of cases to decrease over time, which has not occurred throughout the state. Holding off on gatherings in church is expected to last for a while longer.

AFAC still needs our help. They are looking for non-perishable food, such as low-sugar cereals, tuna, cooking oil, dried spaghetti (not canned), and condiments (salsa, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and salt & pepper). If you can, please bring items to the church now and drop off in the big box in front of the church door (Lexington Street side). The need is great as we have so many more people who are hungry. You can also donate money to AFAC by sending a check to AFAC, 2708 S. Nelson St., Arlington, VA 22206. Or you can give online at their website www.afac.org.

A note from Sandy Winger, Senior Warden and Arlington Thrive board member: St. John's contributes to Arlington Thrive. If you are coming up short on expenses, you can contact Thrive for assistance at <https://arlingtonthrive.org/>.

COVID-19 Resources in our area. The home page of our website, www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org, has a link to many resources available in both Arlington and Fairfax Counties, as well as volunteer opportunities.