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September 20, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – via Zoom
Liturgy of the Word, Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

Getting to the Service Using Zoom

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MUTING/UNMUTING PROCEDURES

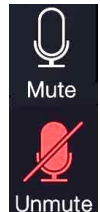
To address a number of issues, Zoom has made numerous updates in their software over the past couple of months to address security related issues. One prevents us from centrally unmuting an individual or everyone.

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING PRAYER *(each person unmutes themself)*

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

Gracious God, (p)
Send your Spirit upon us (p)
during this interim period, (p)
and bless our ministries (p)
for the building up of our parish (p)
and the mission of your Church. (p)
Grant us all things necessary (p)
for our common life and (p)
Help us to reach out (p)
our hands in love of others, (p)
Even as your Son Jesus (p)
reached out his arms on the cross. (p)
In his name, we pray. Amen

OPENING HYMN 685:

“Rock of ages”

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

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side that
flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and
power.

Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt.
Music: Toplady, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

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 themselves)*

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15 *(Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes themselves)*

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. (*each person unmutes themselves*)

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 738)

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

- 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, * (p)**
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; * (p)**
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, * (p)**
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 **Egypt was glad of their going, * (p)**
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 **They asked, and quails appeared, * (p)**
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 **For God remembered his holy word * (p)**
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 **He gave his people the lands of the nations, * (p)**
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: a reading from Philippians 1:21-30 (*Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes themselves*)

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. (*each person unmutes themselves*)

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 490: "I want to walk as a child of the light" (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 want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
REFRAIN

REFRAIN:
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.
REFRAIN

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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 -- readers unmute themselves*)

PLEASE UNMUTE BEFORE YOU READ

Larry/Narrator: Jesus told them a parable and said:

Pat B/Jesus: "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 the landowner went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them,

Lynn/Landowner: 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

Lynn/Jesus: 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 the landowner said to them,

Lynn/Landowner: 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

Barbara O/Workers: 'Because no one has hired us.'

Lynn/Landowner: 'You also go into the vineyard.'

Pat B/Jesus: When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager.

Lynn/Landowner: 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

Pat B/Jesus: 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,

Barbara O/Workers: '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.'

Pat B/Jesus: But the landowner replied to one who complained:

Lynn/Landowner: '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."

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)*

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. (p)
Amen.

ST. JOHN'S COLLECT

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

Gracious God, (p)
Send your Spirit upon us (p)
during this interim period, (p)
and bless our ministries (p)
for the building up of our parish (p)
and the mission of your Church. (p)
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, (p)
And help us to reach out our hands in love of others (p)
Even as your Son Jesus (p)
reached out his arms on the cross. (p)
In his name, we pray. 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.

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.

The Priests 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 OFFERTORY: REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS AND HOW HE SAID IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Priest says

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

Priest and People

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 437: "Tell out, my soul"

(Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)

Tell out, my soul,
The greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
The greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
The glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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Music: *Birmingham*, from *Repository of Sacred Music. Part II*, 1813; harm. *Songs of Praise*. 1925
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THE DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

At the end of the postlude, each person unmutes themselves so we can join in today's virtual reception.

Participants in today's service

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. (Larry) Packard

Reader: Del Hunt

Prayers of the People: Faye Pritchard

Announcements

Please note the [BRAND NEW ZOOM link and Meeting ID](#) for this service on the front page!

Join Today's Virtual Reception

You are invited to join St. John's Virtual Reception following today's service. Settle back with a cup of coffee, tea, and favorite goodies, and let's have a round robin time of sharing about anything and all!

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. 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.

The church is still closed. Please refrain from going there. Virginia checks the office phone messages and the mail. If you have any administrative questions, you can reach her at office@stjohnsarlingtonva.org (preferred) 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 at 703-498-6990.

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

A note from Sandy Winger, Sr Warden/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/>.

From the Senior Warden's Letter

Sandy thanks everyone who attended last week, either for the Zoom service or in person on the church grounds. We had 11 attendees online and 26 at the outdoor service. She says that regardless of which format you chose, we were together as one parish family. An important thing to remember, if anyone who attended in person contracts COVID-19 by September 27, please let Sandy know ASAP. You may have contracted it elsewhere, but letting others know is the responsible thing to do.

Status of Finances – Aug 18 update

As you may recall, the budget presented in January projected a \$30.8 thousand deficit. This would come from our investments, of which only about \$50 thousand is available for any use. We anticipate losing about \$10 thousand in rental income due to COVID19. Fortunately, St. John's has received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loan. We are also hopeful that those who pledged will be able to contribute what they had indicated. Our expenses will be lower, since we will have a supply minister instead of a rector for part of the year. Together these will help offset part of the huge deficit projected in the budget for 2020. We want to thank those who have continued to send in their pledges or plate contributions. We know that this is a period of financial uncertainty for most of us, but it is important for you to continue your generous support of St. John's to sustain our financial health. You can mail checks to St. John's where they are collected each day.

Are you in need of a Notary Public? Sandy Winger is a notary and she is offering her services to parishioners. Feel free to contact her at 703-498-6990 or srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Back to School Supplies

St. John's is again collecting school supplies for our neighborhood elementary schools. There are no lists of preferred supplies this year, but you can be sure the needed supplies will be much the same as in previous years. A collection bin has been set up on the Pritchard's front porch, 5713 Fifth Street South, just a half-block down from the church. Faye will deliver the supplies to the school and the school will bundle the supplies into packets to be sent home to the students. The collection *continues*.

As an aid to choosing what supplies to buy, a list from last year has been posted on St. John's web site.

Prayers and Cards

Prayers for Sunday Services. We are inviting you to send the names or intentions which you would like included by the person leading the prayers, as we had been doing via the book at the rear of the church. Email your request to prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org no later than Friday so Barbara Oliverre can be sure to get the information to the person leading the prayers. Please note in your email that this is a "Service Prayer" request.

Cards. We have been sending birthday and anniversary cards to members, when we are aware of it, cards to those who are sick, and periodic "thinking of you" messages. Please let us know if you think someone needs a card. Email requests to prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org and note in your email that this is an "Card" request.

St. John's Intercessory Prayer group is a ministry which will include prayers for anyone who needs it. If you have a need for prayer for yourself or for a loved one, please let us know.) If you are interested in participating in this ministry, let us know.) Email to prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org and note in your email that this is an "intercessory" request not for Sunday service prayers.

Barbara Oliverre is the coordinator for these three items and if you would rather call you can reach her at 571-228-1399. The prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org emails go to Barbara and Virginia Pearson.

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 St 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.