

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Arlington, Virginia
June 26th, 2022 10 am**

Prelude:

St. Anthony Chorale

Brahms

The Word of God

Opening Hymn:

"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

Hymnal #550

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

People: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Collect of Purity

The Celebrant and People say

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.

Song of Praise: *The Gloria*

Hymnal #S280

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 Lessons

The People are seated.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Reader: 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

People: 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

Reader: 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

People: 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

Reader: 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

People: 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Reader: 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

People: 8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

Reader: 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

People: 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

Reader: 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Reader: A reading from Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

LEVAS #136

The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Narrator: When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said,

Disciples: "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

Narrator: But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him,

Bystander: "I will follow you wherever you go."

Narrator: And Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Narrator: To another he said,

Jesus: "Follow me."

Bystander: "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus: "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Second Bystander: "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

Jesus: "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form 3

BCP, p. 387

The Reading of the Parish Prayer List

The Concluding Collect

A Prayer for St. John's Church

Celebrant and People:

Gracious God,
Send your Spirit upon us
during this interim period,
and bless our ministries
for the building up of our parish
and the mission of your Church.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bless our calling of a new priest,
That we might receive a faithful pastor,
Who will equip us for our ministries.

Help us to reach out our hands in love of others,
Even as your Son Jesus
reached out his arms on the cross.
In his name, we pray. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin *BCP*, p. 360

The Peace *BCP*, p. 360

The Greeting

The Offertory Sentences

The Offertory Anthem: *Where He Leads Me* E.W. Blandy/J.S. Norris

The Doxology *Hymnal* #380 (vs. 3)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP*, p. 361

The Sanctus *BCP*, p. 362, *Hymnal* #S129

The Lord's Prayer *BCP*, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread *BCP*, p. 364

The Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer *BCP*, p. 366

The Blessing

People: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn: "Go forth for God" *Hymnal* #347

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Allegro* Johann Walther

St. John's Book Club is on summer vacation. Over the summer they are reading *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie R. King. They will return to regular meetings on Tuesday, September 13.

The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson was elected on June 4th to be the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. Pending the consent of the bishops and dioceses, Canon Stevenson will be ordained and consecrated a bishop in the Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Our Bulletin Layout—Just a Trial Run! At the Vestry Meeting 4/18, we decided to provide a bulletin which will provide some of the worship material and giving page numbers for the *Book of Common Prayer* and the *Hymnal*. The purpose is to provide a more user-friendly bulletin for those less acquainted with the Episcopal Church. Please share your thoughts with Fr. Larry or with Sandy Winger, Senior Warden.

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 at 703-425-8315 or 703-606-3109 (cell, no voice mail).

Church Leadership. Our Senior Warden, Sandy Winger, is the individual charged with leadership until St. John's appoints a new rector. 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.

Prayers and cards. If you have any requests for Sunday prayers, intercessory prayers, or a card for someone who is sick, please contact Barbara Oliveri at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.