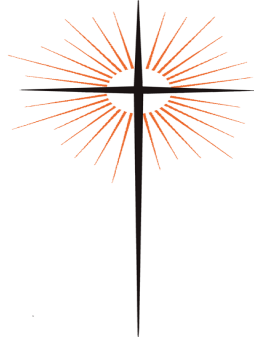


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**St. John's Episcopal Church
Arlington, Virginia
August 14, 2022 10 am
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude:

Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi

The Word of God

Opening Hymn:

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Hymnal #423

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: *Glory to you*

Hymnal #S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

BCP, p. 232

People: Amen.

The Lessons

The People are seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 80:1, 8-14, 17-18

Reader: 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

People: 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

Reader: 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

People: 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

Reader: 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

People: 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

Reader: 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

People: 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Reader: 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

People: 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Reader: A reading from Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”

Hymnal #574

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Narrator: Then Jesus began to teach the disciples saying to them:

Jesus #1: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Narrator: Then Jesus also said to the crowds,

Jesus #2: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 Doxology *Hymnal #380 (vs. 3)*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C *BCP, p. 369*

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: "Judge eternal, throned in splendor" *Hymnal #596*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate* Mozart

Participants in today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard, Long-term Supply Minister

Minister of Music: Lynn Robinson

Organist: Judith Marcinko

Reader: Barbara Olivere

Prayers: Christine Williams

Altar Guild: Faye Pritchard and Sandy Winger

Sound/Live-Stream: Pete Olivere

Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays. We continue to use the following Zoom access link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFSWDNIK0ZDUT09>

and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. The password is still 2020. Any other information remains the same.

If you can't copy the link, go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

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

Announcements

WELCOME: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Or you may come forward and receive a blessing.

Join Us Today for our Reception after Worship!

The Vestry invites everyone to join them in the side yard following worship for a reception.

COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE

- Masks are OPTIONAL now
- All Other Protocols Remain in Effect

St. John's continues to follow the CDC guidelines for Arlington County and Diocesan recommendations. Masks are optional. Questions: Please contact Sandy Winger, senior warden (srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org) and/or the Rev. Dr. Laurence "Larry" Packard (minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org). Take Note! We support anyone who chooses to continue wearing a mask and will offer our live-stream option for those at home.

These COVID protocols remain in effect:

- When possible, please sit and remain socially-distanced while in the Church.
- We will remain seated during the peace. No offering will be taken; a basket for contributions will be at the entrance.
- The Celebrant will not be masked during the consecration and distribution.
- At the distribution, the usher will come forward and let people come to the rail in numbers to preserve social distance. The floor in front of the altar is marked with blue tape for people to stand, unless there is a family group.
- Stand or kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will sanitize his/her hands and drop the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread. The wine will be brought to you in a small cup. Partake of the wine. Return by the right-hand side aisle (facing altar). Deposit the cup in a receptacle next to the piano.
- Please notify Cassandra Winger if you discover that you had COVID during this worship service or for a 2-week period following your worship with us.

It's Back-to-School time! Look for the yellow flyers with the school supplies shopping list. The target due date is Sunday, August 21.

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.

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 swarden@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.