



St. John's Episcopal Church

Arlington, Virginia

September 25, 2022 10 am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Services will begin at 9 AM starting October 9th (see insert)

Prelude: *Siciliana* Handel

Thank you for observing a meditative silence during the Prelude.

The Greeting: Sandy Winger, Sr. Warden

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: "Glorious things of thee are spoken"
Hymnal #522

The People remain standing through the Collect of the Day

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

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

The Collect for 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: *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.

Collect of the Day *BCP, p. 234*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.

People: *Amen.*

The Lessons

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah: 32:1-3a, 6-15

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of

Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Reader: 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

People: 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

Reader: 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

People: 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

Reader: 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

People: 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *

nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Reader: 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

People: 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

People: 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader: A reading from First Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to

him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: "Guide my feet Lord" WLP #819

The Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and

the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Sermon: Dr. Sylvia Booth, M. Div., PhD

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Celebrant and People, all standing

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People, Form 3 *BCP, p. 387*

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic
Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all
people.*

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and
deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your
Word and Sacraments.*

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the
earth.*

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we
undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your
sight.*

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer
from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their
distress.*

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have
entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your
heavenly kingdom.*

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those
of others.

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 Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution from a Layperson

The Celebrant stands and says

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

People: *Amen.*

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Greeting

Please be seated.

The Offertory Sentences

Celebrant: Please remember the words of the Lord Jesus who said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Doxology

Hymnal #380 (vs. 3)

Celebrant & People

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, the Heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." *John 6:35*

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." *John 6:51, 55-56*

Celebrant: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the

Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these consecrated Holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People

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

The Lay Eucharistic Minister comes forward to assist.

The Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing from a Layperson

Celebrant: Now may God bless us and keep us, and send us forth in the power of his presence.

People: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn: “Ye holy angels bright”

Hymnal #625

Announcements Sandy Winger, Senior Warden

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *First Movement from “Eine Kleine Nachtmusic”* Mozart

Participants in Today’s Service

Celebrant: Dr. Sylvia Booth, M.Div, PhD

Minister of Music: Lynn Robinson

Organist: Judith Marcinko

Reader: Eileen Tallent

Prayers: Lisa Pope

Intinction Cup Bearer: Sandy Winger

Altar Guild: Lynn Robinson

Sound/Live-Stream: Pete Olivere

Senior Warden: Sandy Winger

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Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays. We continue to use the following Zoom access link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OwImaEINypDZ1N2ZVFSWDNIK0ZDUT09> 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 Dr. Sylvia Booth, M.Div, PhD and 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.

Please Observe Meditative Silence During the Prelude. We are a very friendly, welcoming congregation! There is a need to have a quiet transition into worship. So please, during the Prelude. . . let’s be quiet and prepare for worship.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Lynn Robinson in honor of the life of David Robinson.

Join Us Today for our Reception after Worship!

The Vestry invites everyone to join them **downstairs in the undercroft** following worship for a reception. We are returning to our traditional practice.

St. John’s Book Club is back in full swing. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, **October 4 at 7:30 pm** downstairs in the undercroft. *Please note the corrected date.* They are reading *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka, which depicts young Japanese women immigrating to America as mail-order brides in the early 1900’s. Remember, everyone is welcome, even those who haven’t read the book. This is a social gathering.

St. John's will again be participating in the Angel Tree program. We should be getting our angels sometime around October 12, and the deadline for getting gifts in is the week of November 14. Updates will be provided as soon as we know more.

Sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just inside the Church door in the narthex. You can choose a week to do by yourself or you can share a Sunday with someone. Speak with Sandy Winger about any Covid-related restrictions.

COVID PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE

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

St. John's continues to follow the guidelines for Arlington County and Diocesan recommendations. Masks are optional. Questions: Please contact Sandy Winger, Senior Warden

(srwarden@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.

- 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.

Pastoral Care during the Interim Period. Please contact Sr. Warden Sandy Winger, contact info below.

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 Olivere at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Today at 1 pm, Christine Williams, St. John's newest member, will be received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Susan Goff here at La Iglesia de Cristo Rey. Please show your support for Christine by attending. While everyone is invited to be present, please note that the entire service will be in Spanish except for Christine's Reception into the Episcopal Church.

Upcoming Schedule of Supply Ministers

- October 2, 9 am The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie
- October 9, 10 am The Rev. Tom Pritchard
- October 16, 10 am The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie
- October 23, 10 am Dr. Sylvia Booth, M. Div., PhD

For questions about the parish or for pastoral care, please contact Sandy Winger, Sr. Warden: 703-498-6990.

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Trial Use Continues This Morning!

The Cup for Intinction



This morning we continue our trial use with the cup for intinction during the Holy Communion. We are using it this fall and will listen carefully to your feedback to determine its future use.

What is an Intinction Cup?

Most of us are familiar with dipping our communion wafer into a large chalice filled with wine. An intinction cup differs in size and amount of wine it holds—just enough to dip the tip of the wafer without risk of a finger touching the wine.

How will it be served in the Service?

We will have cup bearers who will follow the priest, just like a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and present the cup to each parishioner. Of course, you may decline the cup by crossing your arms. There is full assurance that the benefit of both is conveyed in the one.

Comments:

We are grateful for the congregation's willingness to work patiently with our protocols during the pandemic. Although we are not at the point of sharing the common cup, the intinction cup best approximates our distribution practice. Lastly, it is one more practice that both this parish and St. Patrick's share to offer some consistency for a future priest-in-charge.

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