

The Episcopal Parish of ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Hingham, Massachusetts

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

Welcome!

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that within these walls you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you. If you would like more information about our faith community, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

About the Service: Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Service music, prefaced by an "S," is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people's responses are in **bold**. Large-print editions of this bulletin are available from the ushers.

Childcare for infants and toddlers and play-care for two-year-olds is provided in the upstairs nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Sunday School** classes start at 9:45 am and the children join their families in church during the Offertory. All are invited to Coffee Hour in Upper Weld Hall immediately following the service.

In addition to Sunday morning worship, we offer an informal, weekly contemporary Sunday evening service at 5:00 pm known as **S.W.5**; a 10:00 am **Wednesday Eucharist** in the chapel followed by optional Bible Study; and **Morning Prayer** at 8:45 am Tuesday to Friday.

To visit **St. John's Online**, go to www.stjohns-hingham.org. Make sure to sign up for our weekly e-news *St. John's Goings-On* (click the link on the right side of the home page); "like" us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter @StJohns_Hingham.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 am

The Service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer. Collect of the Day on page 181. After the sermon the service resumes on page 327. The Great Thanksgiving begins on page 333 (Prayer I). Prayer after Communion - page 339.

Participants in Today's Service: Lector/Intercessor/Chalice/Altar Guild Deanna Fredie, Cynthia Chace, Deb Dougherty

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Baptism at 10:00 am

PRELUDE: Voluntary No. 1 and No. 4

Paul Page (20th Century)

All stand to sing

HYMN 410: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA (insert in front of Hymnal) Sung by all

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you. People:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

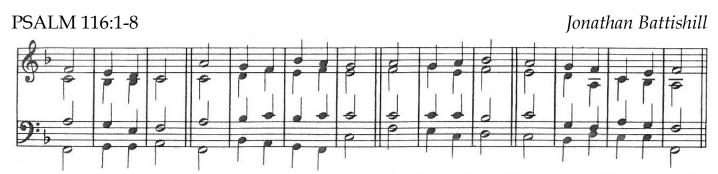
The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The ord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated and all sing the Psalm.



- I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me when ever I called up on him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.



- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
 "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of com passion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *

 I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *

 in the land of the living.

THE EPISTLE James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue— a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and

cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

The People stand to sing

SEQUENCE HYMN 474: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People*: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Noah Van Niel

All stand to recite

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The People kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV Page 388

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION Page 360

After the Priest pronounces the Absolution, all stand for

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion as the St. John's Choir sings the Offertory Anthem. The ministry of St. John's is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning.

Offertory Anthem: Ain'-a That Good News! William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp un in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news! Ain'-a that good news, my Lawd!

As the gifts are presented at the Altar, all stand to sing Hymn 484: Praise the Lord Through every Nation

Wachet auf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Page 361

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

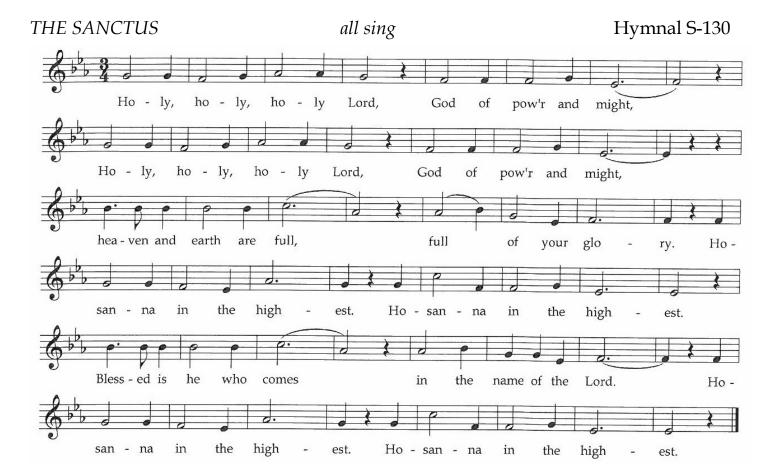
People: And also with you. *Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant says the Proper Preface then continues:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



The People kneel. Then the service continues on page 362.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

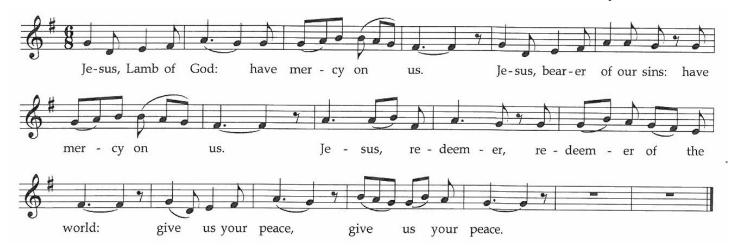
The Eucharistic Prayer concludes by saying:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite you forward starting from the back of the church. Please form a line on the right side of the aisle. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, return to your pew by going down the steps, out the pulpit door, down the hallway, and through the church entryway. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, exit via the side door and return down the hallway and through the church entryway. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and help guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Anthem: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958) Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Communion Hymns

704: O Thou Who Camest from Above

312: Strengthen for Service, Lord

Hereford Malabar Kneeling, the People join in saying the POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.

All stand to sing

HYMN 525: The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. John M. Gallop, Grace Gallop and Johanna Gallop.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Tim Schenck Preacher: The Rev. Noah Van Niel Assisting Priest: Sr. Adele Marie Ryan, SSM Verger: Tom Daley Readers: Linda Henderson, Cathy Torrey Intercessor: Zoe Bradford Chalice Bearer: David Clinton Acolytes: Jack Wilson, Elise Fickes, Allison Moore, Molly Powers, PJ Farley Altar Guild: Charlie Woodard, Judie Shapiro Ushers: Phil Carter, Tom Pyles, Nancy & Mike MacDonald Junior Usher: Billie Grimshaw

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Herb Cafarella, Betsy Bishop, Becky Case, Alec Clement, Chuck Clutz, Dorothy Gibbs, Tommy Hense, Tib Sherrill, Rebekah Turner, Bill and Shirley Wilcox. The full **Prayer List** is available in the tract rack in the church entryway.

Youth Ministry today. **Middle School Youth Group** meets at 12 pm in LWH to allow time for everyone to attend the Homecoming Picnic. **Confirmation Class'** first session is this afternoon at 3:30 pm (normally we meet at 4 pm) in Lower Weld Hall. And **High School Youth Group** lunch/planning meeting is next Sunday, September 23 from 12:30 pm – 2 pm. If you have a child interested in any of those groups, they are always welcome to attend at any time or you can reach out to Fr. Noah with any questions you might have.

Are you visiting St. John's this morning? Welcome! We hope you enjoy the service and invite you to join us for coffee and conversation immediately afterwards in the Parish Hall (located down the hallway to the left as you enter the church's main doors). While we hope you will feel comfortable asking any of our parishioners questions about the service, church school or other aspects of St. John's, please also feel free to ask an usher or look for our Welcoming Committee members wearing "St. John's Ambassador" name tags. Also, please stop by our staffed welcoming table and take a red visitor's packet to learn more about life at St. John's. Finally, if you are comfortable identifying yourself as a guest this morning, pour your coffee or tea into one of the green mugs on the hospitality table. This will signify that you are a visitor and would like to be approached for conversation. Again, welcome!

Today in Sunday School the children will be learning the lesson of *Noah's Ark*. Next weekend join us for our **Sunday School Open House** during coffee hour in Lower Weld Hall. The children will be showcasing their *Creation* mural, displaying a slide show, leading tours, and entertaining the parents with a special surprise! Also, Buddy Jesus has made his debut and is ready to go home with kids in pre-k through 2nd grade! Please sign him out for a week on the sign out sheet downstairs. We look forward to hearing about his adventures with your child! For more information please contact Sunday School Director Alexis MacElhiney (amacelhiney@stjohns-hingham.org).

It's Homecoming Sunday! Following the 10:00 am Eucharist stay for a festive lunch featuring a Bounce House for the kids.

The first meeting of the **Needlepoint Guild** is Tuesday, September 18 at 10 am at the home of Allison Marshall, 45 South Pleasant St. Anyone interested in the art of needlepointing is welcome to attend.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! The **Holiday Boutique Kick-Off Meeting** will be on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm at Elizabeth Moulds' house. We'll introduce new faces, briefly check in with everyone, and enjoy some beverages and treats. If you've helped in the past you should have received an online invite. If you're new to the Boutique or just can't find your invitation, please RSVP: egmoulds@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you! This year's Boutique Co-Chairs are Dawn Murray and Elizabeth Moulds

Outdoor Church: Saturday, September 29 the High School Youth are invited to sign up to travel into Cambridge to make and hand deliver sandwiches to the homeless in Harvard and Central Square. We'll leave St. John's at 2 pm and return at 6 pm. Space is limited so if you're interested, be in touch with Fr. Noah as soon as possible.

Whether you are new to St. John's or a seasoned parishioner, we want to remind you that we have a terrific **online parishioner directory** with photos and a handy mobile app. We want you in the directory! If you would like to be added and need help or have any questions about the directory, please email stjohnsdirectoryhelp@gmail.com.

All creatures great and small are invited to a **Community Pet Blessing** on Sunday, September 30, at 5:00 pm. This brief service, co-sponsored by several local congregations, will take place at 5:00 pm on the front lawn of St. John's. Participants are encouraged to bring items to support the South Shore Pet Food Pantry. Suggested donations include dog and cat food, pet toys, kitty litter and leashes. The service will take place rain or shine. Earlier that day at the 10:00 am service, Sunday School children are encouraged to bring their favorites stuffed companions for the annual **Blessing of the Stuffed Animals**!

Volunteers needed! For years St. John's has partnered with the **Epiphany School** in Dorchester to prepare and serve meals to inner city kids several times a year. A group of 4-5 volunteers, age 16 and up, carpool to the school, and prepare, serve and cleanup a meal. The timeframe is typically 3:30 to 7:00 pm on a weekday evening, 2--3 times each in the Fall and the Spring. This is an excellent opportunity for real hands-on face time with folks who are appreciative of the effort. We know the dates months in advance so babysitters can be secured. The regular group of volunteers would love some fresh faces! If interested, please contact Outreach Chair Chrissy Roberts at cjrob47@hotmail.com or 781-749-1165. Dates and signups will be communicated as soon as they're known. Thank you!

The weekly **Prayer Groups** will begin meeting on Thursday, September 20, in the church, with opportunities to pray together at both 8:00 am and 11:00 am. This fall, we will use the prayers and collects in the *Book of Common Prayer* for our prayers and meditations. Contemplative prayer time will begin at 8:00 am and end at 8:40. This will allow participants the opportunity to stay and join the clergy for Morning Prayer at 8:45, should they desire. The Prayer Group from 11:00 – 11:45 am begins with contemplative prayer and ends in time for a brief discussion of the prayer activity. Feel free to drop in to either group as your schedule allows. Please contact the clergy or Cathy Torrey cbtorrey@comcast.net with any questions.

As has been announced, Father Noah will be leaving St. John's for a parish in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in late October. As we seek another priest to join us in our ministry, Father Tim has formed a **Search Advisory Committee** to assist him in identifying and calling a new member of our clergy team. Committee members are: Cynthia Galko (chair), Jerry Crean, Debbie Callahan, Derek Constantine, Celia McLane, and Casey Hussey. Please keep this important work in your prayers.

Chrissy Roberts, who is the Vice-Chair of the **Hingham Council on Aging**, invites everyone to a free *Learning to Age Well* program on Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, designed for newly retired adults, those considering retirement and/or downsizing, and those who are new to the Senior Center. The program will include a continental breakfast, Senior Center tours, information tables, and three speakers: Kim Bennett from Visiting Angels, Natalie Ahern from All the Right Moves, and Cynthia Kuppens from O'Brien Wealth Partners. To help us plan for seating, we ask that you pre-register by calling the Senior Center at 781-741-1458 or emailing seniorsignup@hingham-ma.gov.

Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist:

We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship, faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully living out our faith in this community and the world.

PARISH STAFF

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