

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator

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Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Vivian and John Dewar
Readers / Chalice Bearers – Babette Patton, Sharon
Ellington, Sarah Tracy and Nancy Jones
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The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Year A

Rite I - Holy Eucharist - October 8, 2023 - 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #495



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710

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Celebrant **People**

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that he may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Christ have mercy upon us. (3X) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria The Hymnal, S204

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of **God**, * and the firmament shows his **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to **another**, * and one night imparts knowledge to **another**.
- 3 Although they have no words or **language**, * and their voices are not **heard**,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all **lands**, * and their message to the ends of the **world**.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the **sun**; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its **course**.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the **end** of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the **soul**; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the **heart**; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for **ever**; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous **altogether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en**lightened**, * and in keeping them there is great **reward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he **offends?** * cleanse me from my secret **faults**.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion **over** me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

The Hymnal, #518

3 To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. William Font

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

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 of God, Light of 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 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 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

The Prayers of the People

Form I BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, including all on our prayer list and those recently added including: Sue Collins, Aimee Hanneman, HL Watson and her family

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People say together

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Hymn Christ is our Cornerstone David Thorne

St. John's Choir

Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build. The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone. Alleluia

Doxology The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus The Hymnal, #S114

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei The Hymnal, S158

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #313



Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925)

Music: Jesus, meine Zuversicht, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after The Chorale Book for England, 1863 Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional The Hymnal, #449

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought: by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

- 4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
- 5 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Steven Barnes Judd Penny Drew Kolb Beverly Bradley Peter Bob Sarah Kramer Monte Pratt Braiden Jessica Mathew Reynolds Corbin Brown Jean Ledet & Chad Kathleen Rhodes Lewis Honor Carr Dixon Rob, Ruthie and Nancy Carr Denys Lenets Samuel Sue Collins Kara Lynn Adrienne Robertson Sir Michael Dawson Ron Marlett Seth Betty Sinclair Stephanie Dunham Tony Marruchella Dru Mary Family of Kenneth Ed Leland Mayo Sosna John Steward and Sharon Ellington Betty & Delbert Millican Joyce Ezell and Ryan Lightfoot Lee DeWitt Jim Freeman Trish Morgan Martha Steward Tom Freeman Christina Morris Nancy Steward Myrna Gowman Paul Mosier Sydney and Troy John Greiner Deborah Nelson Ed Tebow Steve Hammontree Sarah Tracy Joy Nelson Aimee Hanneman The Nichols Family Tyler and Dru **Donna Walters** Jean Inge Pam Dr. J Babette Patton Mary Jo Watson Patty Pat Westervelt Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

Today's altar flowers are given by Cynthia Cortright in loving memory of Elizabeth Anne Cortright.

Altar gifts are now reserved through the end of the year and well into next year. If you would like to dedicate flowers on a specific Sunday next year, you should contact Nancy ASAP.

Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

9 – Peter Anderson

12 – Priscilla Pierce

13 – Abby Anderson

13 – Martha Smith

Fall Services and Events

Sunday, October 8, 2:00 pm – Annual Blessing of the Animals, Peace Chapel
Wednesdays, October 11 and 25 – Evening Prayer
Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 pm - Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
Eucharist in the Mary Chapel

Monday, October 23, 5:30 pm - Feast of St James of Jerusalem

Eucharist in the Mary Chapel

Saturday, October 28, 4-6 pm – 25th Anniversary Party in Celebration of the Nave, at Cynthia Cortright's home

There is a signup sheet for this party on the covered table in the Narthex.

Please RSVP so that we have an accurate count for food.

Sunday, October 29, Worship Service – Service of Celebration of 25th Anniversary of the Nave **Sunday, October 29, following service** – St. John's Community Lunch at Johnnies on Britton

Adult Formation - Year A: Matthew's Gospel

Lessons Three and Four Discussion Questions

- 1. Describe Jesus's taking over Jerusalem and his rage against the Temple.

 How can you describe both actions? (Proper 21)
- 2. Who are those from whom Jesus takes away the Kingdom? And Why? (Proper 22)

Schools are back in session and our *teachers desperately need supplies*. Current needs for Teacher's **Toolbox** include: *Kleenex and Play Doh*