



**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2023  
Holy Eucharist  
Rite 1, Prayer II – Book of Common Prayer**

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
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*Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. **Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!***

**Prelude:** Waltz Op.124 No.4

by R. Schumann

**Opening Hymn-**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, AMEN.*

**Celebrant and People**

*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 we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,  
 Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.  
 Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
 Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

### The Collect Of The Day

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

People            *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant        Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lessons

#### Exodus 3:1-15

Charles Mizelle

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the

Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

*We will pray the selection from Psalm 105 responsively, beginning with the Priest.*

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

1. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
3. Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
5. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6. O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
23. Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*he made them stronger than their enemies;
25. Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26. He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45. Hallelujah!

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Jane Graham

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not

repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

*All stand for the singing of the hymn and reading of the Gospel.*

**Sequence Hymn-** *I have decided to follow Jesus – LEVAS 136* (red and black hymnal.)

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

People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### **Matthew 16:21-28**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Homily** – The Rev. Tim Black

**The Creed**

*All stand.*

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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Susan Schubert

#### **All remain standing.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Lord, hear us.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Lord, hear us.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Lord, hear us.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our president, Brian our governor and Bianca, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Lord, hear us.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor for Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Fernanda Contreras, Amy Wilson. Mia Parnell, Sonia Thiessen and Coleman Parks and his family all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*The congregation is invited to add their petitions.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Nancy Ella Hicks Harrison beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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Celebrant: Lord, hear our prayers and what we have asked faithfully, may you grant effectually, to the glory of your name. AMEN

### **Confession Of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and Congregation: *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 Peace**

*All stand.*

Celebrant           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People               *And with thy spirit.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:*

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord/ we are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that our unity may someday be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love



company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,  
 Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, ourselves, 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

## **Communion Instructions**

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you prefer intinction, (dipping your host) you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.*

## **Communion Hymn- How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds- H 644 (Blue Hymnal)**

### **Post-communion prayer**

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*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.

**Blessing :** 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.

### **Post-Communion Hymn : All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – H 450 (Blue Hymnal)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Postlude** Onward, Christian Soldiers

by A. Sullivan

## Parish Notes

**Wednesday Night Supper September 6 from 6-7:00.** Join your parish family for dinner at 6. Please email [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org) to let us know if you are planning to join us.

**Church Clean Up Day- September 9, 9-1PM** Come join us on a “purge” day. We are making room here for new things. [ptroberts@comcast.net](mailto:ptroberts@comcast.net) for more info.

**Bible study will be in person and on zoom 7-800 this week.** Use the same zoom as Sunday morning worship. We are continuing our walk through Acts. We will be reading Acts through August and will be beginning a study of Genesis in September.

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**Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM-** Start your day off with prayer with our online community . Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734  
Password: 752305

**Zoom Compline( Night Prayer) Thursday - 7:00 pm** Meeting ID: 843 7684  
4017 Password: 848486

**Give by Texting-** Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message. You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

### **Sunday September 3, 2023**

Readers: Charles Mizelle and Jane Graham

Prayers of the People: Susan Schubert

Verger: Michael Proscia

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Organist: Toku Kawata

Church Administrator: Terry Glover

Vestry

Daniel Hudson, Hospitality

Archie Polk, Evangelism

Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden

Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

Val Valverde, Worship & Music

Sherran Davis, Clerk

# Join us for Tri-Cities First Responders Sunday



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Service- 10:00      Cookout Picnic- 11:00

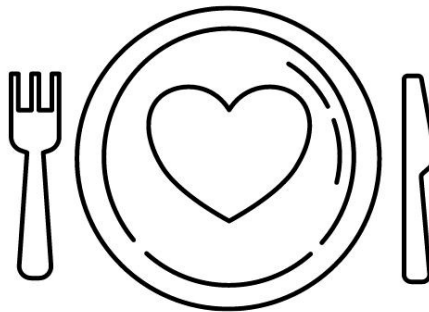
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St. John's College Park Music Series Welcomes  
**Heart Hunters**

**FRIDAY, September 15 at 7 PM**  
**In St. John's Horseshoe Garden**

"Heart Hunters' music might sound delicate on first listen, but it packs a heavy punch. Born of the American zeitgeist, as well as the personal experiences of Brianna Blackbird and her husband No River City founder Drew de Man, American Eclipse is simultaneously a deeply personal and overtly political album."  
— [No Depression](#)

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## Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 PM

Join your parish family and friends from the community each week for a "humpday" dinner. \$5.00 donation suggested. \$20.00 Family Limit. *Let us know you're coming by emailing [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org). September 13 the start time will move to 530 PM.*

# Clean Up Day- September 9 9 AM- 1PM



As we make room for new things to happen in our beloved church, we need to make more room. Many hands makes for smaller (or more enjoyable work), so come help us purge, clean, spruce and re-arrange and dispose of furniture in our beautiful church.  
*For more information or to cheerfully sign up for the day email [priest@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:priest@stjohnscollegepark.org)*