



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**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**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 16, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

Rite II Prayer A

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**The Word of God**

**Prelude:** How Great Thou Art

Soloist: Val Valverde

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise to the Living God (Leoni)* (Blue Hymnal 372)**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

*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.*

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE**

***Glory to God (Blue Hymnal S-280 ) (Powell)***

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

Sherran Davis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled

with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Richard Pflieger

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Help us, O Lord, To Learn (St Ethelwald (Blue Hymnal 628)***

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*Priest*            The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

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.

*All remain standing.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

CELESTE HALL

Dear siblings-in-Christ, our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. And yet, we can pray, saying, "Put your word within us, O God; *write it on*

*our hearts.”* We pray, O God, for the Church and its leaders. May we proclaim the truth and share the Good News. Give your Church grace that each member may carry out their ministry fully. I invite you now to share your thanksgivings, out loud or silently

*Invite the congregation to offer their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

***Write it on our hearts.***

We pray, O God, for all those who interpret and establish laws, especially judges. Give our leaders wisdom equal to their responsibilities, that they may serve the common good and promote justice throughout the world.

*Silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

***Write it on our hearts.***

We pray, O God, for all of creation. In the beauty of hills and streams, we glimpse your majesty. In the wonder of sun and moon, we glimpse your power. May we be responsible in our care and protection of all you have given us.

*Silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

***Write it on our hearts.***

We pray, O God, for the people of our community. May those who cry out for justice, see justice. May those who search for truth, find truth. May those who fear for their own safety, find their comfort and security in you.

*Silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

***Write it on our hearts.***

We pray, O God, for the sick and the sorrowful. May those who call upon you for healing also find you to be their faithful healer. We pray today for :  
\_\_\_\_\_. Are there others in need of prayer?

*You are invited to add your petitions, followed by silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

***Write it on our hearts.***

We pray, O God, for all who have died. We pray today for: \_\_\_\_\_ May all those who go before us find their reconciliation and hope in you.

*Silence*

Put your word within us, O God;

*Write it on our hearts.*

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Priest stands and says*

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 PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

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

*People*               And also with you.

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

***We close The Passing of the Peace by singing, together:***

*We are one in the bond of love*

*We are one in the bond of love*

*We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God*

*We are one in the bond of love*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SOLO: YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

VAL VALVERDE

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise  
God, all crea-tures high and low. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
lu - ia! Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly known: Cre -  
a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

### SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy (Powell)* (BCP p. 362)

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER S 149 *The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Robinson)***

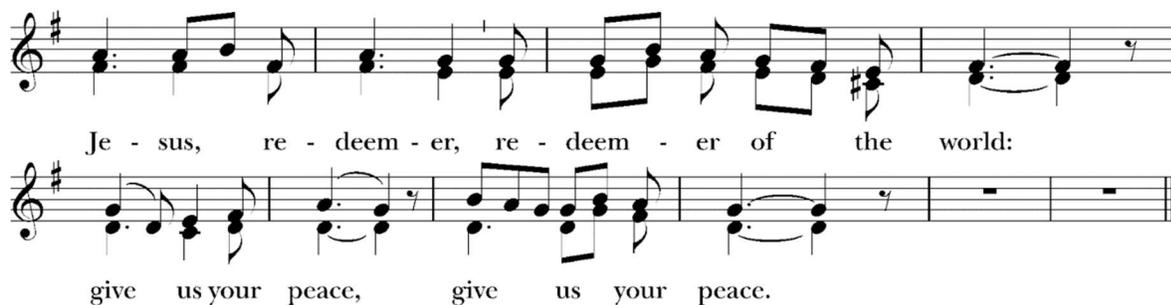
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM – *Blue Hymnal S-164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds. We will bring communion to you today. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.*

**COMMUNION HYMN- *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot- LEVAS 18 (Red and Black Hymnal)***

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with 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.

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the way of those who walk this journey with us, so be swift to love, and slow to anger, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. AMEN

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN- VS 1,2 AND 4 *Ye Servants of God*  
(Paderborn) (H 535)**

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Arabesque

by Debussy

**PARISH NOTES**

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

**Wednesday Night Bible Study Continues- Wednesdays at 7 PM.** We are reading the Gospel of John together. Come join us, especially if you have never come before, and learn more about the “fourth” gospel. John’s gospel is unique in structure, character, language and so many other ways. Join us on zoom. Zoom ID: 716 256 9754 Passcode: 12345

**Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

**Compline (Night Prayer) Online Thursdays at 7 PM**

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John’s each Thursday evening. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

**Give by Texting-** You can use your phone’s text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **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)

**Assisting with the service today**

Organist	Toku Kawata
Readers	Sherran Davis and Richard Pflieger
Prayers of the People	Celeste Hall
Verger	Michael Proscia

Church Administrator Terry Glover  
Vestry Members: The Rev. Tim Black, Priest in Charge  
Paul Brady, Communications  
Linda Cage, Outreach  
Sherran Davis, Clerk  
Richard Pfleger, Treasurer  
Archie Polk, Evangelism  
Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden  
Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

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meeting ID and password as above.

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*It is time to prayerfully discern your pledge for 2023. You may use the QR code  
below to pledge online or fill out this pledge form and turn it in to the offering  
plate. Your pledges help us to plan for St John's mission and ministry. We rely on  
pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our programming and outreach.  
If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God's  
work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we are all called to follow. We are  
grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.*



## Currency of Money Pledge

*Your pledge will allow St. John's to plan its ministry & mission*

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be paid: Weekly \_\_ Monthly \_\_ Yearly \_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Drop your completed pledge card in the offering plate or give to the church office*

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To pledge and give online, scan this QR Code with the camera on your phone.