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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Holy Eucharist

Rite II, Prayer A

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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!

Opening Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory- Hymnal 594*

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY- Celebrant and People

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.*

HYMN OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

The musical score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system has the lyrics: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The second system has the lyrics: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,". The third system has the lyrics: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me." followed by "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord 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.*

FIRST READING:

Exodus 33:12-23

Mike Spring

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Celeste Hall

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN- *You have Grounded my Soul*

All stand.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a drone accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The vocal line begins with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a quarter note (C5), a half note (Bb4), and a quarter note (A4). The lyrics are: "You have ground-ed my soul deep - ly in you, O God; —". The drone accompaniment consists of a sustained chord of G4, Bb4, and D5. The second system continues the vocal line with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a quarter note (C5), a half note (Bb4), and a quarter note (A4). The lyrics are: "— and I am end - less - ly trea - - sured. —". The drone accompaniment continues with the same sustained chord.

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GOSPEL: **Matthew 22:15-22**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Pat Roberts

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, "Be gracious to us, O God; *show us your mercy.*"

We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit. We give thanks today for our school partner, Liberation Academy, and for their parents, staff and students.

For what and for whom do we give thanks today?

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created. We pray today as we anticipate our annual stewardship canvass. Help us all to give of ourselves generously to your church.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Anthony Halston.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever. We pray today for: Bonnie Goodwin and Jean Taylor.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

People: And also with you.

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

We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:

There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,

Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.

And for these blessings, we lift our hearts with praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says:

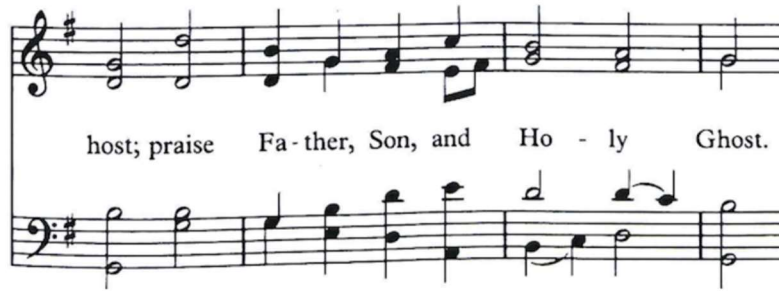
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2.

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*- LEVAS 72 (Red and Black Hymnal)

The congregation stands as the offerings are presented during the singing of the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

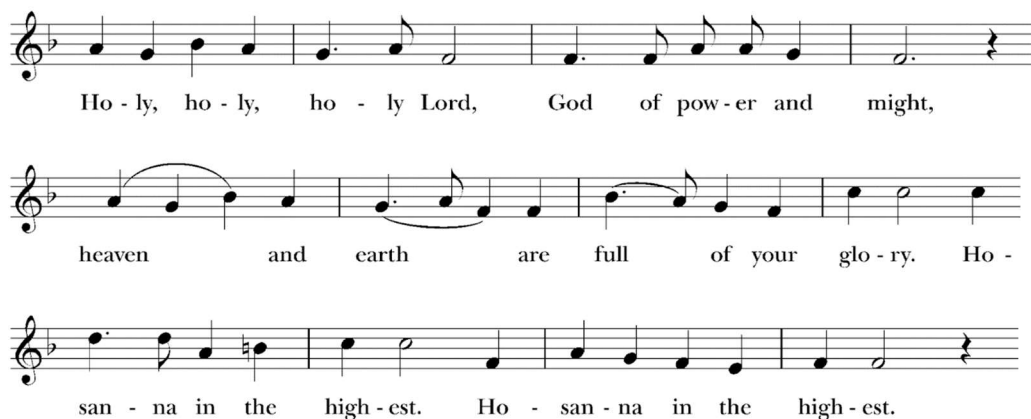
The Lord be with you
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 celebrant will sing the pitch, after which the congregation and celebrant will sing the Sanctus



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.

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 Creator of all. Christ 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 Christ 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 Christ 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:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

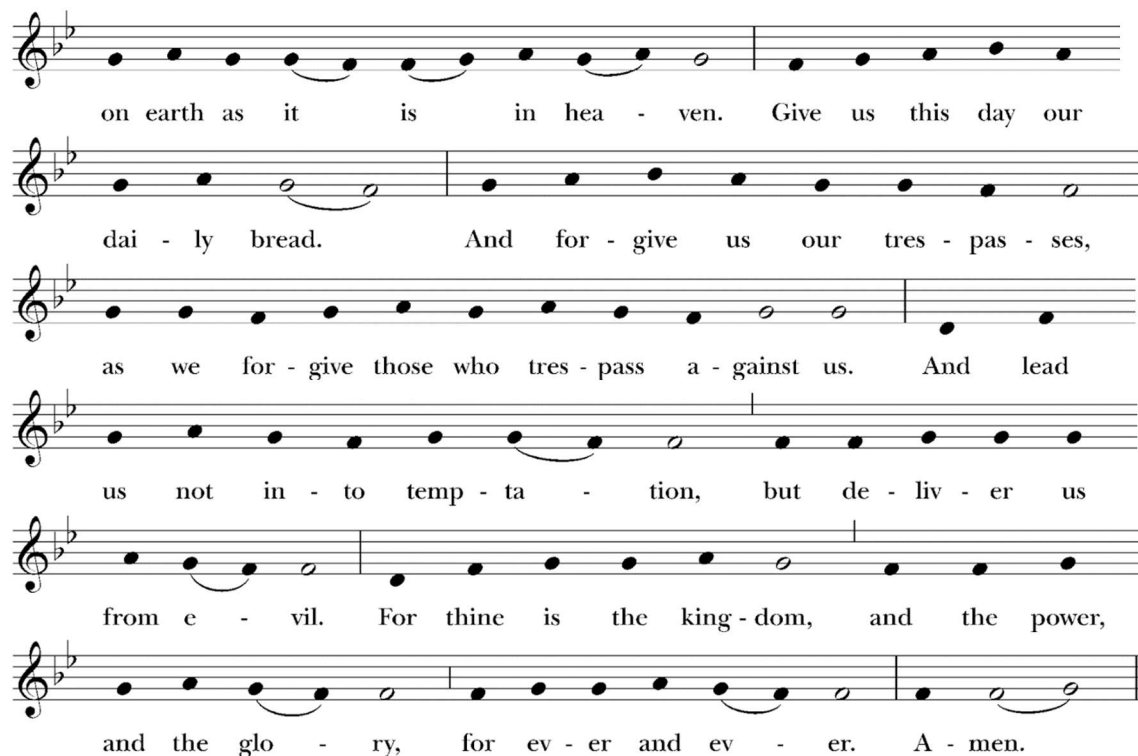
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and 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 God, now and forever. *AMEN*. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The celebrant will sing the starting pitch, after which, we sing:

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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

COMMUNION HYMN-- *Amazing Grace*— 671 (Blue hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 - *The Priest blesses the people:* Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who made us, who loves us, who travels with us, be with you, now and forever. AMEN.

POST COMMUNION HYMN- *Earth and all Stars -vs. 1-3, 6 412 (Blue hymnal)*

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

People : Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PARISH NOTES

Wednesday Night Supper October 25 from 530-7:00. Join your parish family and others for dinner starting at 5:30. Please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org to let us know if you are planning to join us.

Bible study will be in person and on zoom 7-800 this week. Use the same zoom as Sunday morning worship. We are reading through Genesis and will finish with it in November, followed by an Advent study of the three nativity stories. For more information, consult the weekly newsletter.

Sunday, November 5th we will Celebrate the Feast of All Saints aka "All Saints Sunday." A part of our observance will be praying for all who have died. If you have people whose names you would like to be read during the prayers, please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org.

We will also be celebrating the gifts of all the Saints of St. John's through an after-church discussion and activity.

Finally, we will be kicking off our stewardship campaign for 2024. Please begin thinking about what you can give financially to St. John's in addition to the gifts you would like to share with the community. We are able to form our budget and mission for each year better when you turn in pledges. If you have not pledged before, please consider pledging for 2024. If you pledged in 2024, consider giving a little bit more.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukh furgD8>

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Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM 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 Thursday - 7:00 pm Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

"Second Cup" -an online hangout space for St. John's parishioners
Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

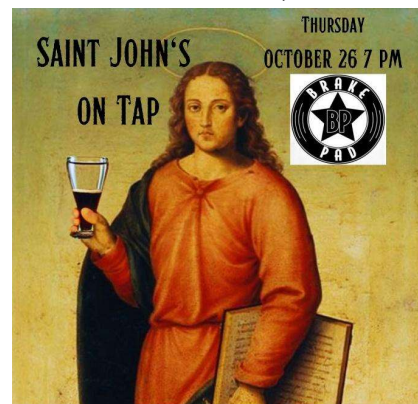
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Sunday October 22, 2023

Readers: Mike Spring & Celeste Hall
Prayers of the People: Pat Roberts
Verger: Val Valverde
Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black
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



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10/26 The Brake Pad
11/16- Oz Pizza
1/25- Arches Brewery

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THIS THURSDAY!