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The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
July 28, 2024
9:00 am

Announcements

Prelude: "Come, let us join"

Johann Kruger

Processional Hymn: 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant:

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.**

Gloria S280

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 321 "My God, thy table now is spread" Rockingham

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:1-21)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming

toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Hugh Bell

Nicene Creed (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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, St. Mary's, Dade City; St. John's, Brooksville; St. Peter's, Plant City; St. John the Divine, Sun City Center; Grace Church, Tampa; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St. Chad's, Tampa; St. Clement's, Tampa, and St. Francis', Tampa; for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their pastor Anne, and for the dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop elect, Douglas, our bishop, Denise, Hugh and Jim, our priests, and Kevin, our deacon; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for Joe, our president and Ron, our governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those who are listed in our bulletin; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence) The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Confession

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.

Celebrant: 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: (*The people may sit*)

Offertory Hymn: 404 “We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord” Old 124th

Presentation of Gifts (*Please stand as the gifts are brought forward*)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (Stand)

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Here a Proper Preface is said)

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:

S130 “Holy, holy, holy” Schubert/Proulx

Holy and gracious Father: 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 many 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 Father, 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 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**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People: **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

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

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

The Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Please stand or kneel at the rail.

The priest will place the Sacrament in your outstretched hands.

Communion Hymn: 455 “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(as needed)*

Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following words:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

Celebrant: We who are many are one body,

People: **Because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

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 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

Closing Hymn: 375 “Give praise and glory unto God”

Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ

The Dismissal: Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude: “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

John Zundel

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Please sign the guest book at the welcoming stand where information is available.

Visit our Website: <https://stjohnsclearwater.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.JohnsClearwater/>

Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, by Nan Lanham, in loving memory of John and Virginia French, Virginia F. Cummins, Gary Hughes and Nan and Hal Hughes.

Announcements

Pray for the sick: James Bernard, Gerry Boone, Barbara Bowdoin, Sally Brown, Bruce Cates, Lee Cates, Chuck Charmatz, The Most. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ann D’Alessandro, Kristy Foltz, Nan Lanham, Mark Lelekacs, Kimberly McMillan, John Piatak, The Rev. George Razee, Eric Rummler, Nancy Sawyer, The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Deborah Smith, Kitty Smith, Chrissy Stroup, Sandy Walton, and Bonnie Zwigaitis.

Pray for the homebound: Elin Buchanan, Shirley Dunaway, Margarita Lopez, Hortense McGregor and Frank Sahms.

Back to School Supplies/Backpacks: Pinellas County Schools will open

on August 12! We will be collecting backpacks, and various school supplies in the upcoming weeks for Belcher Elementary students. Items needed are backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, etc. All items purchased must be dropped off to the church by Sunday, Aug. 4. Rev. Denise will bless the items and Caroline Barnett will head up a team to load up and deliver everything the following week.

Giving Statements: St. John's Parishioners' Statements of Giving were emailed on July 17, 2024. The "sender" email is notifications@onrealmail.org, titled Your giving statement from St. John's Episcopal Church. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Mary Anders.

A BLESS Appeal has been set up by the Episcopal Church in honor and gratitude for the loving leadership of Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry. The Bless Appeal provides funds to areas and organizations that promote "the way of love." St. John's Vestry voted unanimously to donate \$1,000. If you would like to make a donation to the Bless Appeal in honor of Bishop Curry:

By mail, make checks payable to The Episcopal Church and note your designation in the memo section of the check.

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God's Work Our Hands Sunday: September 8, 2024. We will worship with St Paul's at **9:30 AM on Sunday, September 8.** Following worship we will have a potluck lunch and Ministry Fair. We will use this day to explore ways that our congregations can work together to bring God's compassion and Good News to our neighbors! Stay tuned....

St. Paul's Wednesday Contemplative Services: During the summer, the Contemplative Worship Services will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in St. John's church sanctuary at 7:15pm.

Prayer Chapel: The Chapel is open for anyone wishing individual prayer. Everyone is welcome to go to the Chapel after communion to receive prayer with a member of The Daughters of the King. Prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed! The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to work the front desk. There are two shifts – Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Caroline Barnett if you are interested. (727) 459-3650.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 10 am in the Parish Hall:

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will be taking a summer vacation. Our next meeting will be August 21st. Enjoy your summer and remember Forward Day by Day is a great way to keep up with short daily Bible readings.. See Bob Courdway if you have any questions.

Episcopal Migration Ministries: Those who want to financially support these efforts can donate online (link is in the enews).

Deadline for submission of articles for the bulletin is Tuesday, 3pm for the following Sunday bulletin.

To make a donation to St. John’s, via Faithstreet, scan the QR code below:



Weekly Schedule

Thrift Shop Hours
Tue., Thu & Sat. 9:30 – 3:30

Retirees -2nd Monday of the month

Hand Bell Choir – Practice resumes in September.

Voice Choir - Practice resumes in September.

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Men's Cursillo Grouping - Parish Hall
Thursdays 7:30 am

Rug Hookers – Parish Hall
Thursdays 10 am



**Diocese of Southwest Florida
The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, Bishop**

St. John's Mission Statement:
To love, to serve, to grow in Christ

Church Staff

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Deacon
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Sexton
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The Rev. Denise Guinta
The Rev. Kevin Mort
Jan Davis
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