Welcome to St. John's Church





The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

October 16, 2022 4:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Celebrant

Tom Brand, Organist & Choir Master

Holly Flor, Reader

Laura Daly, Veejay (VJ)

Camille Gillespie, Tom Dulack: Altar Guild

Natalie Dyer, Emily Fitzhugh: Ushers

EVENSONG

Choral Prelude Tu es Petrus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Introit: "You are Peter, And upon this Rock I will build My Church: and the gates of hell shall not overcome it. And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 16: 18-19

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Processional Hymn # 43 All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night

- All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light: keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done; that with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 (Choir only) O may my soul on thee repose, and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close; sleep that shall me more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake.
- 4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces & Responses

William Smith (1603-1645)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Hymn # 26 O Gracious Light

1 (women only) O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,

and blest are you, his holy Son.

2 (men only) Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

3 (all) Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord; wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm

Psalm # 115

Anglican chants by William Felton (1715-1769)

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your Name give glory; *because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say, * "Where then is their God?"
- 3 Our God is in heaven; * whatever he wills to do he does.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, * the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; * eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; * noses, but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; * they make no sound with their throat.
- 8 Those who make them are like them, * and so are all who put their trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; * he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us;

 * he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

- 13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, *both small and great together.
- 14 May the Lord increase you more and more, *you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blessed by the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, * but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.
- 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, * nor all those who go down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless the Lord,

 * from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: This reading from Ecclesiasticus, or the Scroll of Sirach, is an outstanding example of the wisdom genre of religious literature that was popular in the early Hellenistic period of Judaism in the second century before the Common Era.

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (4:1-10)

My child, do not cheat the poor of their living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the hungry or anger one in need. Do not add to the troubles of the angry or delay giving to the needy. Do not reject a suppliant in distress or turn your face away from the poor. Do not avert your eye from the needy, and give no one reason to curse you, for if in bitterness of soul some should curse you, their Creator will hear their prayer. Endear yourself to the congregation; bow your head low to the great. Give a hearing to the poor, and return their greeting kindly. Rescue the oppressed from the oppressor, and do not be hesitant in giving a verdict. Be a father to orphans, and be like a husband to their mother; you will then be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than does your mother.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary Magnificat

Magnificat Quarti Toni

Francesco Soriano (c. 1548-1621)

Translation:

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden:

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

INTRODUCTION: The second reading is the story of the confession of St. Peter at Caesarea Philippi.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (16:13-20)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Nunc Dimittis Geo

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

The Prayers

The Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

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 Suffrages

Preces & Responses

William Smith (1603-1645)

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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*.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen*.

Offertory Anthem Non Nobis Domine William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise" - Psalm 115: 1

An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem, please be generous in your support

Final Prayers

said by the priest at the High Altar

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen*.

Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passes 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 Hymn # 24 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

3 As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.

4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away; thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Organ Postlude: Eventide Variations (Improvisation)