

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30^{AM}



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius, Rector

Happy Father's Day!

Franz Marc—Pigs

AN INVITATION TO THIS SERVICE

This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.** All are welcome at Christ's table. We welcome baptized Christians of any tradition to share in the bread and wine. If you have not yet been baptized, or would prefer to receive a blessing from the Priest, indicate this by crossing your arms over your heart.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving--kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen .

✠ *Please be seated for: the lessons*

THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF: ISAIAH 65: 1-9

Read by: Brian McPhee

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in garden and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 42

Led by: Brian McPhee

1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,
with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *

among those who keep holy-day.
 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One
 who is the help of my countenance and my God.
 6 My soul is heavy within me; *
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
 7 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
 8 The Lord grants loving-kindness in the daytime; *
 in the night season a song of God is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
 9 I will say to the God of my strength, *
 “Why have you forgotten me and why do I go so heavily *
 while the enemy oppresses me?”
 10 While my bones are being broken, *
 my enemies mock me to my face;
 all day long they mock me and say to me, *
 “Where now is your God?”
 11 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One
 who is the help of my countenance and my God.

THE SECOND READING FROM THE BOOK OF: GALATIANS 3: 23-29

Read by: Brian McPhee

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 26-39

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mary B Gregorius

✠ *Please stand as you are able and say:*

THE NICENE CREED

**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 (FORM VI)

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Bishop Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Allen Shin and Bishop Mary Glasspool and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan** Matsen, **Tom** Acheson, **Frederic**, **Peter**, **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi**, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Howard** Flemming, **Ellie** Ruvo, **Rosemary** Recine, **Robert** Lynch, and **Joe** Smith.

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **Jim**, **Marge**, **Deanna** Ammirato , and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Andrew** Tom, **Rebecca**, **Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald**, **Marilyn** Griffin, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene**, **Jason**, **Peter**, **Hannelore**, **Marina** Brandt, **Carol** White, **Steven** Schubert, & **Jeff**

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez** and the students at El Hogar School, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.**

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Silence

We give thanks for all those who have loved and cared for the children of the world, for all forms of fathering are a blessing from God

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died, especially the 6 million world wide and over 1 million in this country who have died from COVID-19

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant: 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**

✠ *Please greet one another gracefully*

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Online Sunday School–
Riley Valvolizza Tells the story of Legion***



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

THE DOXOLOGY:

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People

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 give God 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.

Priest inserts Proper Preface

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the

prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory again.**

Celebrant Continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 .

Let the People say

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION

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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREA: This was our last week of Online Sunday School—thanks to all the families who joined us on this fun adventure. Have a great summer and see you in the Fall!!

ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 8-12. Welcome back to Pleasantville EVBS! Save the dates! EVBS will be held at Holy Innocents Church. Discovery on Adventure Island—a Quest for God’s Great Light! Visit pvillevbs.org for more information.

SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS: At A-HOME there are several single working single parents for whom summer camp is a necessity so that their children are engaged in meaningful activity and they can go to work every day. With budgets already stretched by our current rate of inflation summer camp costs are a great challenge. Therefore, any assistance you could offer would so very much be appreciated by these families. If you are able to help please note “Summer Camp” on your contribution. A-HOME pays the camps directly.

THRIFT SHOP: The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Volunteers needed please sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link](#). Helping out in the Thrift Shop is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners and express creativity!.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

NO THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: we are on summer break!

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