

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST  
10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



St. John's Episcopal Church  
Four Fountain Square  
Larchmont, NY

*Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship.*

*For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for maintaining appropriate social distance. Masks are required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.*

*If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.*

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones.*

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*If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.*

## PRELUDE

Matines

Louis Vierne

## OPENING HYMN #477

All praise to thee, for thou, O king divine

Engelberg



- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_



- 1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

And blessed be God's 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.

*All*

Amen.

## GLORIA

*All*

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and peace to his 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.  
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*All* Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON: WISDOM OF SOLOMON 1:16-2:1, 12-22

*All are seated.*

*Reader* A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test

what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected." Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 54**

*Reader*

The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is Psalm 54.  
Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 1     **Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.**
- 2     **Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**
- 3     **For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.**
- 4     **Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
- 5     **Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**
- 6     **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**
- 7     **For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

## THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

*Reader*

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### HYMN #480

When Jesus left his Father's throne

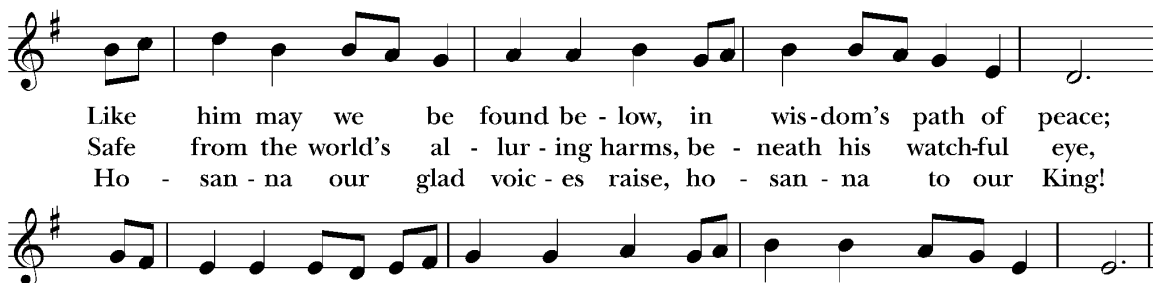
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1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.  
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;  
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch-ful eye,  
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!

like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Sources James Montgomery (1771-1854)  
 Tune Name Kingsfold

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

*All stand for the Gospel.*

*Rev. Lisa* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

*All*

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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing as a reader bids the prayers.*

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Diocesan Council.  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Reader* We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen, and Mary, our Bishops, Lisa and Dorothy, our priests, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joseph, our president, and Kathy, our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

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

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

*Reader* We remember all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Amy, Andrea, Ann, April, Arthur, Bernadette, Betsy, Blanche, Bob, Brian, Caitlin, Carol, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, David, Dotty Lee, Ellen, George, Harold, James, Laura, Lynn, Masood, Matt, Nora, Orlo, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Randy, Sandy, Sara Lee, Scott, Sheila, Susie, T.J., and Tom, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all who have died, and all those who mourn.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the people respond, Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Rev. Lisa* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence is observed.*

***All*** 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.**

*Rev. Lisa* 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.

***All*** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Rev. Lisa*      The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Rev. Lisa*      Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Rev. Lisa*      All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People*          And of thine own have we given thee.

## CANTICLE

Magnificat (*BCP p.50*)

*Holly Metzger, Alto*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All 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.

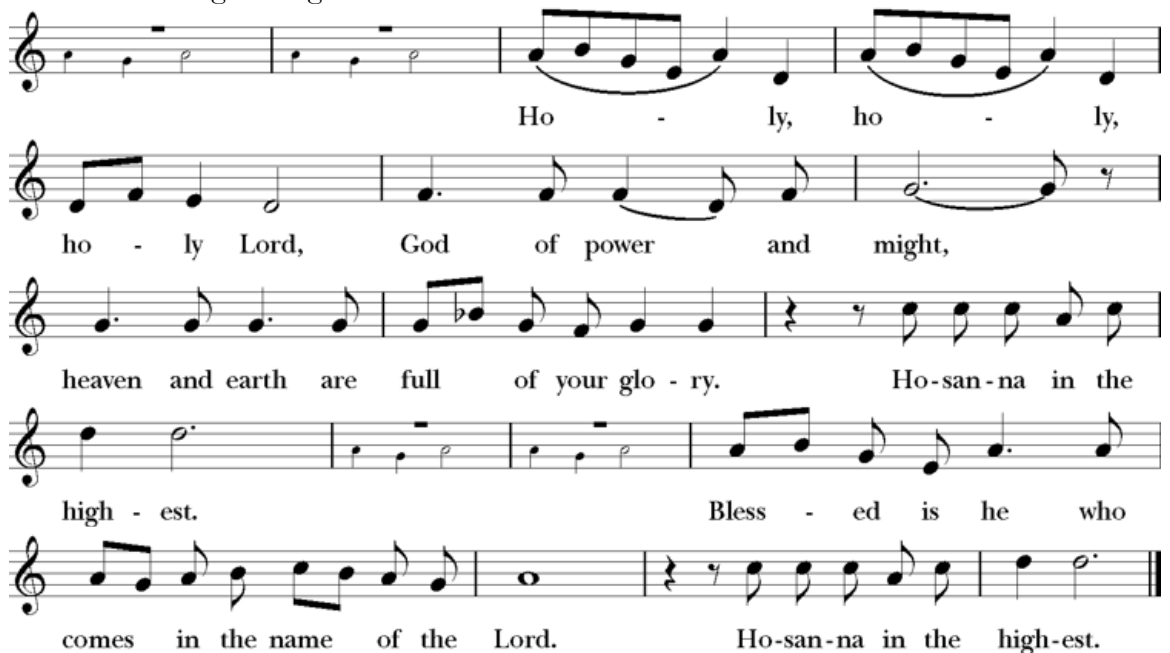
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*          It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*      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 the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface relevant to the season.*

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:

*All remain standing and sing:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

### *Celebrant*

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.”

*All* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* 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*  
*All* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**All** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION: ALL ARE WELCOME**

*The Celebrant invites the people to receive Holy Communion.*

*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 POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
**All** **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.**

## **THE BLESSING**

*Rev. Lisa* Be present to today. Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow. The same God who cares for you today, will care for you tomorrow. God will either shield you from suffering or you will be given the unfailing strength to bear it, along with the love and support of our faith community. So be at peace then, and cast aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you forever.

**People** **Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN #564 He who would valiant be

*St. Dunstan's*

1 He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter,  
 2 Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries,  
 3 Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit,

let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter.  
 do but them - selves con - found, his strength the more is.  
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.

There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent  
 No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;  
 Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,

his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.  
 he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.  
 I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

Sources Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), after John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Tune Name St. Dunstan's

## DISMISSAL

*Rev. Lisa*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People***      **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### Liturgical Ministers Today

Rector

Priest Associate

Director of Music

Lector

Eucharistic Ministers

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene

Dr. Paul-Martin Maki

Paul Luce

Taddy Hall, Carolyn Gallaher

