

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.*



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836)  
Flat Rock, North Carolina

## Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## Reminders for Worship

- We are asking everyone to wear a mask in Sunday worship at least through October 24, and we encourage mask wearing for other indoor church activities.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Preludes on "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Robert Powell and  
Donna N. Robertson

## Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn: No. 376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

## Acclamation and Response

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

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

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## The Blessing of our Ministries

*Celebrant*

We are blessed indeed to share in the life of the Holy Trinity as the Body of Christ at St. John in the Wilderness. Standing before you are many of the ministries that we share in as a church family. These efforts are not merely extracurriculars nor do they represent volunteerism as the world thinks of it. These ministries are the result of a God who has given generously to each of us for the building of the Kingdom. They are our talents, our very hearts and hopes, and a sign of our life together as the Body of Christ. We thank God for all of the gifts of this place, especially for....

*Going one at a time, each banner holder now says the name of the ministry they are representing.*

Let us pray together:

Here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. Receive these ministries, O God, and all our gifts, and make us one body with your Christ, that he may dwell in us and we in him, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Gloria* Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly  
King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus  
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy  
on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*      **Amen.**

### First Lesson: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 26

Simplified Anglican Chant

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and chanted at 11:00.*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with inTEGRITY; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not FALTERED.

2 Test me, O Lord, and TRY ME; \*  
examine my heart and my MIND.

3 For your love is before my EYES; \*  
I have walked faithfully WITH YOU.

4 I have not sat with the WORTHLESS, \*  
nor do I consort with the deCEITFUL.

5 I have hated the company of evilDOERS; \*  
I will not sit down with the WICKED.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your ALTAR,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksGIVING \*  
and recounting all your wonderful DEEDS.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you DWELL \*  
and the place where your glory aBIDES.

9 Do not sweep me away with SINNERS, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for BLOOD,

10 Whose hands are full of evil PLOTS, \*  
and their right hand full of BRIBES.

11 As for me, I will live with inTEGRITY; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on ME.

12 My foot stands on level GROUND; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,


“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.



*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: For the beauty of the earth


Dix



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
4. For thy church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
5. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,  
6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine! To our race so free - ly giv'n;



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
For that great, great love of thine, Peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:







Words, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864. Tune DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapted, William H. Monk, 1861.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

Fr. Josh Stephens

**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.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found  
without fault at the day of your coming; and for the mission of the Church, that in  
faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O  
Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and  
that all may be one as you and the Father are one; for those who do not yet believe, and  
for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray  
to you, O Lord.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for Josh, our Rector, for Sandy, our Deacon, for our vestry and staff, and for the ministry of each of us, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, especially for the people of Afghanistan, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, and Roy, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community. For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent; for our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray for Vanessa, Joanne, Tom, Eleanor, Trip, Susie and Rosie, Katherine, Lois, Dave and Nancy, Kristi, Mary, Mackenzie, Pete, JoAnn, Rebecca, and John. Are there others? That being freed from anxiety and sickness, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

A Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in October  
(Prayer 50 on page 830 of *The Book of Common Prayer*)

## The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table*

Offertory Music:	8:45	For the Beauty of the Earth	Charles Callahan
	11:00	I Give You a New Commandment	Peter Aston
		text from John 13:34-35	

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you,  
so you are to love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow Old 100th

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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*

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*           Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. We are not drinking from the chalice or practicing intinction, but the chalice will be presented to you visually and verbally. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Hymn: No. 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

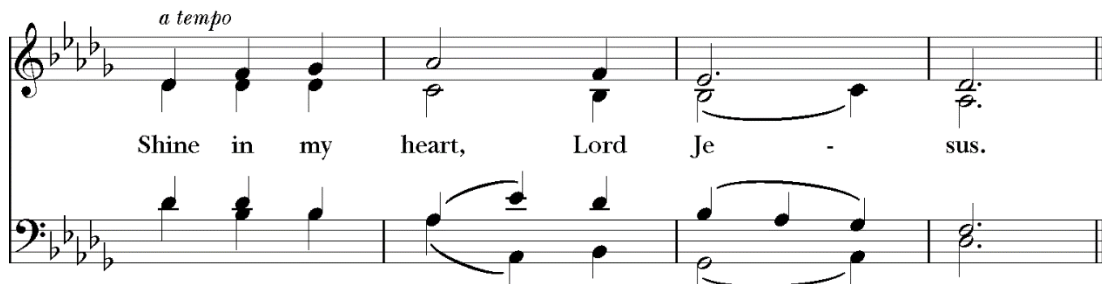
*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.





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## Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant:* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, we 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.

*People:* We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

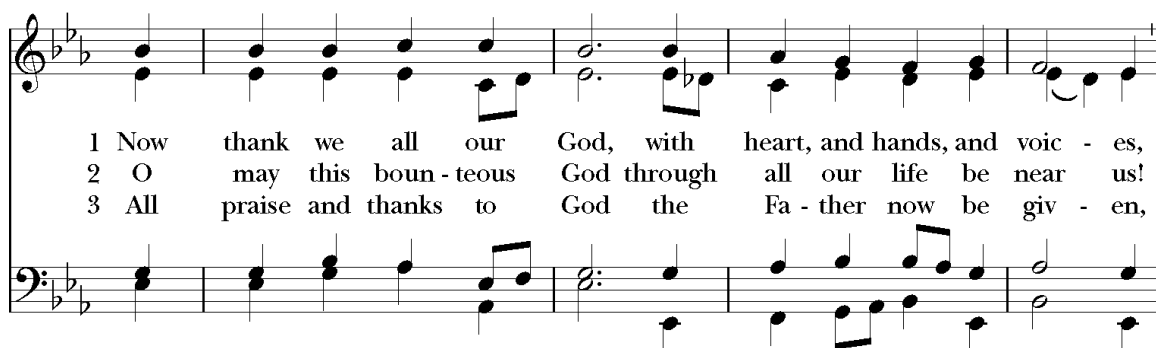
*Celebrant and People*

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

Dismissal Hymn: No. 397 Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott



who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Walther

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember **those who are ill or with other needs:** Vanessa Wittman, Joanne Adams, Tom Joiner, Eleanor Flowers, Trip Mildren, Susie and Rosie, Katherine Gee, Lois Karcher, Dave and Nancy VonHolle, Kristi, Mary McCarty, Mackenzie Nosra, Pete Petersen, JoAnn Ebbs, Rebecca Gruver, and John Gulbrandsen.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Alice and Gilbert Doan and William H. Cox* by Judy Cox.

**TO OUR VISITORS!** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

### WE GIVE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO OUR CHURCH

	October 3, 2021		October 10, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffery	Eliz. Christenbury	Robin Howe	Julianna Savage
Acolytes			Elaine Howe	Julianna Savage
Ushers	Bob Sundeen	Bettie Orr	Clint Adams	David Christenbury
	Jodi Sundeen	John Bell	George Grzenda	Karen Conley
Greeters	Lynne Miller	Anna Kinsey	Brenda Hillyer	Karen Conley
	Patrice German		Mary Boys	
Cart Driver	Linda Giltner	Herb Quarles	B.J. McKee	Tom Savage
Eucharistic Visitors				
Altar Guild	Sandra & Michael Jeffery, Traci Tindal, Candace Lewis, Kathy Newbold, Marti Smith		Elaine & Robin Howe, Sally Hopper, Lynn & Julianna Savage	
Opening Gatekeeper	David Dethero		David Dethero	
Closing Gatekeeper	Jennifer Shelton		Jennifer Shelton	
Flower Guild	Catherine Richardson		Patrice German	

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*Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00am*

*Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only)/Adult Sunday School: 10:00am*

*Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours- 8:30am-3:30pm M-F*

**In case of pastoral emergencies:**

Please call the Church Office and ask for the Rector. After hours, call the Church Office and press 3.

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Marie Hyder  
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Dick Zecher

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John Barker  
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Jennifer Shelton  
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**PARISH OFFICERS**

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Robin Howe

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**Historic Churchyard Committee:** Ken Jones

**Community Engagement, Evangelism, and Newcomers  
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**Outreach:**

**Personnel:** Margaret Barker

**Stewardship:** David Christenbury

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES**

**Acolytes:** Lynn Savage

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**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

**Funeral Reception Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer

**Garden Guild:** Jerry & Jan Tanner

**Gatekeepers:** Dick Zecher

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