

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

10 September 2023 10:15 a.m.

Voluntary *Liebster Jesu*

J.S. Bach

Hymn 379 Abbot's Leigh

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

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

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

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.**

Hymn of Praise Laudate Dominum



The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Exodus 12:1-14

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149 Cantate Domino

The psalm is sung by the choir.

 Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3. Let them praise his Name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

5. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds.

6. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

- 7. To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- 8. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
- To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Reader A reading from Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 440 Liebster Jesu

The Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

That this day may be holy, good, and joyful:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with Mary, John, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

We pray to you, O Lord.

The intercessor offers additional prayers

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop; for our clergy, staff, and vestry; for the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; for The Church of Ireland, and St. John's, Speedway.

We pray for peace in all places of conflict, for the victims of violence, and for repair, understanding, and healing across our nation and in our community. We pray for all those commended to our prayers including those we name together: Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Carol Helgerman, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Carolyn Speer, Barbara Hess, Pequita Behrndt, Roy Meeks, Sue Eichhorn, Dean Hunter, Janet Huber, John Howland, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Pam Ogorzaly, Ginny Hull, Helen Slagel, Don Nead, Douglas Campbell, Rhianna, Ben, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Ben, Judy, Lisa, Loagan, Caitlin & Ed, Joy, Martie & John, Scott, John, Julie, Corey, Jerry & Sandra, Marcus, Lori, Deb, Laura, and their families, and for those we name now either silently or aloud....

We pray for all who have died, including those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud....

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

The presider concludes the prayers

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

The presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

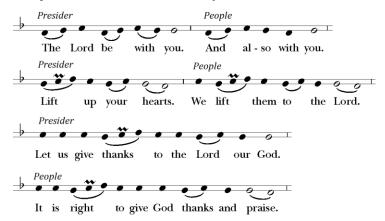
Offertory

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

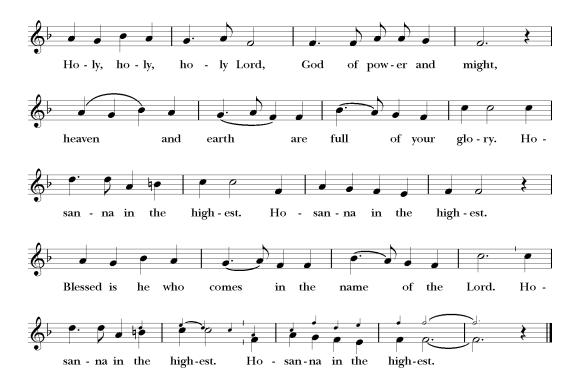
Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B



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



The presider 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....

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

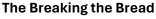
The presider continues

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....

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.

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

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 for ever. Amen.



Douglas Major



The Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 304 Land of Rest Hymn 309 O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, and they respond **Amen.**

Hymn 527 Ton-y-Botel

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Fanfare Richard Proulx

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider Jason Fortner
Preacher Bradley Pace
MC Maggie McClure
Acolyte Bruce Johnson

Lectors Greg McClure, Lisa Zimmerman

LEM Jack Kueberth

Ushers Becky Dick, George Moore **Counters** Dawn Niccum, Vicki Bower

Altar Guild Elizabeth White. Jennifer Chandler. Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander

Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. We also offer nursery care during the service. If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit <u>stjohns-laf.org/guest</u> or use the QR code.



Parish Announcements



Support the 2023 Hunger Hike NEXT Sunday, September 17 at Riehle Plaza 1 p.m. Event & 2 p.m. Hike

Hunger Hike is an annual community fundraising event whose mission is to Raise Awareness & Make a Difference in the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally.



Use the QR code to support the St. John's Team Page.

Stewardship Kickoff Lunch Sunday, September 24

Join the St. John's congregation for the Stewardship Kickoff. There will be only one service that Sunday, but we will have entertainment and a celebratory lunch. Everyone is welcome. We will also take a moment to share the value we find in being part of this community. We hope you'll join us. Brought to you by the Stewardship Committee: Bill McInerney (chair), Jamie Davis, Cindy Gerlach, Kristine Holtvedt, & Kathy Johnson.



Book Fair - Sundays, September 10 & 17

Former Sunday school and church library books are available in St. John's Commons to take home. The books are free for the taking, but you're invited to make a donation to support Jubilee Christmas at St. John's!

Welcome Amanda Yauney, St. John's New Christian Education Director

Please welcome Amanda Yauney, St. John's new Christian Education Director. Amanda has a wonderful energy and a deep desire to share God's love with our parish's children. Amanda officially began her ministry with us on September 1st. Please also welcome her husband John and her children to St. John's.

Godly Play/Sunday Christian Education at St. John's

Would you like to support St. Johns' Christian Education ministries? If so, there will be an organizational meeting today at 12 noon in the Bishop's Parlor. Lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Amanda Yauney at amanda@stjohns-laf.org or Fr. Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study—Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

The Tuesday morning Bible continues Tuesdays in St. John's Commons. The Bible study will focus on topics of group interest and center on discussion of the chosen texts. Bible Study is open to anyone including members of other churches or folks unaffiliated with any church. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Bradley at bradlevpace@stjohns-laf.org.

Wednesday Evening Book Group at Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd's Wednesday Evening Book group usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd (610 Meridian St, West Lafayette).

- Wed., Sept.13 Tricia Hersey, Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto
- Wed., Oct. 11 Walter Brueggemann, Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now
- Wed., Nov. 8 Matthew Desmond, Poverty, by America

A limited number of copies of each book will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Mark Thomas at mark@goodshep.org.

EWM Fall 2023 Women's Retreat

The Diocese of Indianapolis' Episcopal Women's Ministries invites you join us September 22-24 for the IndyDio Women's Self-care Weekend at Waycross. Information cards can be found in St. John's Commons (on the table outside the kitchen). If you have questions, please contact Charlene Watson at 765.474.9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net. Register or find more information at bit.ly/Retreat2023EWM.

Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer - Alyce Dressler, Sue Eichhorn, Gayle Ennis, Sharon Evander

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The leaders of our Communion - Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian - The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; and Bradley, Jason, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners - The Diocese of Brasilia and their Bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; the Church of Ireland; and St. John's, Speedway

This nation and all in authority - Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors

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