

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2022



PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Rowland Prichard)

ENTRANCE HYMN *Holy God, we praise thy Name* (Grosser Gott) (H 366)

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
Son of God, as Savior given;
on the cross thy dying breath
opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
Savior, who hast died to win us,
help thy servants, drawing near.
Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may
dwell in everlasting day.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, 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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Canon—4 voices

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM 82 (*Alternate verses with the lector.*)

1 God stands in the council of heaven *
and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
 **2 “How long will you judge unjustly *
 and show favor to the wicked?”**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
 **4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
 **6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *
 and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals *
and fall like any ruler.’ ”
 **8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN



All stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(as used by the Washington National Cathedral)

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.

Presider and people together:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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 our Savior 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.**

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

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERATORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Open your ears, O faithful people (Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita]) (H 536)*



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
 To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS *Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]* (WLP 785)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *God of Day and God of Darkness*



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we
2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the
3. Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, Make us
4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the
5. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our



stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and
rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of
light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all
source and you our end; Praise to you who love and



deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -
bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and
jus - tice So we do what you would do. Let us
peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn, For our
nur - ture us As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us



a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your
wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -
call all peo - ple ho - ly, Let us pledge our lives a -
hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -
all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y



might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice
nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,
new, Make us one with all the low - ly,
turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,
mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,



Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
All your chil - dren at our door.
Let us all be one in you.
We shall all your face dis - cern.
Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *All Glory Be to God on High (Friedrich Zachau)*

Serving today:

Minister of Music: Jessica Vinciguerra

Lector: Mary Ellen Cochrane **Prayers:** Derek Rivard

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Alice Ciccu

Greeters: Clancy & Patricia DeLong **Acolyte:** Adam Baker

Coffee Hour Hosts: Renee Babcock & Kathy Conlon

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***Archangel Michael: Angel of Peace Icon Writing Retreat
The Rev Peter Pearson, Instructor***

Register Now! Icon Writing Retreat of St. Michael, Angel of Peace.

- When: September 14-17, 2022, Wed – Sat, 9 am-5 pm daily
- Where: St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House, Mt. Pleasant MI.

St. John's Episcopal Church is accepting registrations for the Icon Retreat. Sessions run from 9 am to 5 pm daily in the Parish House. No previous experience or artistic proficiency required. The retreat is limited to 20 people. The cost is \$375 per person and includes lunch, art supplies, instruction, and Fr. Pearson's expenses. Scholarships may be available.

Registration deadline has been extended. Register by calling the Parish Secretary at 989.773.7448 and providing a \$150 deposit payable to: St John's Episcopal Church, 206 W Maple Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 The balance is due by August 21. Fr. Pearson will preach at the Eucharist service at 10 am on Sept 18. There will be a display and blessing of the icons in church. Visit Fr. Pearson's website at <https://www.facebook.com/Peter-Oearsib-1481031262164372/>

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FAMILY PICNIC
AND WORSHIP SERVICE

A celebration of our parish community is set for September 11, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Emmaus Monastery (corner of Pine Grove and Tamarack Roads, Vestaburg). There will be food, games, fun and worship. We are looking for interested people to plan the picnic and service. Please contact Jen Dingman (djdingman@charter.net) or Pat Thurston (patt1246@gmail.com) to volunteer on the planning committee

We pray this week...

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Dennis, our Organist; Eric, our Choirmaster

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Joe, Barrett, Matt, and Anne Marie

For the newly ordained deacons in our diocese: Alex, Alicia, Derek, Joanna, and Kurt

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For standing Committees and Diocesan Councils of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan

For All Saints Church, Saugatuck - Jay Emerson Johnson, Rector

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Alice, Christopher, Emelia, Mary, Patricia & Zachary

For the members of St. John's especially: Jerry, Jessica, Hazel, Ezra & Ari, Jim & Patricia, Joan, Kathy, Ken & Lois, Kevin, Jillian & Byron

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Bill, Nancy, Gabriel, Kathy, Alma, Brent, Jess, Amy, Tony & Therese.

For all who have died.