

**St. John's Parish Church Liturgy  
September 6, 2020**

Proper 18 - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Opening Greeting and Announcements*

**GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint when such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
Makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises,  
Over self to reign, as kings,  
And as priests, his solemn praises  
Each for a thank-offering brings.

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*People*                    Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant and people pray:*

**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.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue (page 100).*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

## THE KYRIE

*The Celebrant and People pray*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

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O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **Ezekiel 33:1-11**

1 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.

7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

10 “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ 11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 119:33-48**

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
indeed, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for therein is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, \*  
and not to covetous desires.

37 O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity, \*  
and revive me in your ways.

38 Confirm your word to your servant, \*  
and to all those who fear you.

39 Take away the reproach that I am afraid of, \*  
for your judgments are good.

40 Behold, my delight is in your precepts; \*  
O revive me in your righteousness.

41 Let your loving mercy come to me, O Lord, \*  
even your salvation, according to your word.

42 So shall I answer those who taunt me, \*  
for my trust is in your word.

43 O do not take the word of your truth utterly out of my mouth,\*  
for my hope is in your judgments.

44 So shall I always keep your law, \*  
even for ever and ever;

45 And I will walk at liberty, \*  
for I seek your commandments.

46 I will speak of your testimonies also, even before kings, \*  
and will not be ashamed;

47 And my delight shall be in your commandments, \*  
which I have loved exceedingly.

48 My hands also will I lift up to your commandments, \*  
and I will meditate on your statutes.

### **Romans 12:9-21**

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, g serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE GOSPEL

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

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

## **Matthew 18:15-20**

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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

THE SERMON - *Fr. Jeremy Shelton*

### ***Song***

#### **SEEK YE FIRST**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.

#### **REFRAIN:**

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia! Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God,  
Allelu, alleluia. REFRAIN

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.  
Seek, and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia. REFRAIN

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Thanksgivings, prayers, and petitions from the people via Facebook live stream.*

### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,

let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer for this Parish**

Dearest Lord,

This is your land, this is your parish, these are your people.

Bless all who live here, all who work here, all who rest here.

Bless all who are struggling, and all who are thriving.

Bless those who lead the flock of Christ.

May wisdom, joy and compassion be theirs,

May the churches be places of unity, wonder, healing, and adventure,

May this land host the grace of God now and always.

**Amen.**

*Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16<sup>T</sup>

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another with smiles and waves in the Name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be made via [stjohnsparisbchurch.com](http://stjohnsparisbchurch.com), or St. John's mobile app, or mailed to: PO Box 125 Johns Island, SC 29457*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

## *Offertory Song*

### **MAKE ME A SERVANT**

Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;  
And may the prayer of my heart always be.  
Make me a servant. Make me a servant.  
Make me a servant today.

### REPEAT SONG

### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

### HOLY EUCHARIST

The night before He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ celebrated a special meal with His friends. He took some bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them saying, "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

He also took some wine, blessed it, and gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me."

**And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.**

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

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together pray*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people now consume the bread and wine*

*Song*

**I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD**

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine,  
Our Savior and our King,  
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
Shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those who are not able to be with us physically*

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and  
goodness towards us:  
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed com-  
pany of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope,  
of your everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,  
to assist us with your grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### ***Song***

*The people may leave quietly at this time, respecting that others are still worshipping through the end of the final song.*

## **JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless pray'r be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the songs of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **The Church...**

Our Vestry and all baptized persons who are the ministers of St. John's Parish Church. Our Rector, Greg and our Curate, Jeremy.

Our Staff: Elizabeth, Jacky, Mark, Rob, Sally and Walt.

Seminarians: David Rowe.

Our Ministries and Ministry Partners, especially Respite Care, AA, NA & the Cub & Boy Scouts.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina. Archbishop Foley Beach, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America. Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt. Rev. Johnson Gakumba, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda. The Rt. Rev. Jorge Aguilar, Bishop of the Anglican Church in Peru.

### **The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

North Myrtle Beach, Grace Mission. The Rev. Cindy Larsen, priest-in-charge

### **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer...**

Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea and the Most Rev. Allan Migi, Archbishop

### **The Government...**

Donald, our President and Henry, our Governor.

### **Short Term Prayer...**

Alan, Bill Bayly, David Bernthal, Linda Brown, John D'Annunzio, Shirley French, Rev. Shay Gailard, JoAnne Gauss, Amy Guess, Elaine Hart, Hughes family, Edward Jacques, David Joseph, Kay Kitchens, Stan LaRoche, Schuler family, Ransome Sheets, Julie Snellen, Jonathan Tanner, Heather Teague, Gary Terry, Charles Wallace, George Younce, & Frasier Young.

### **Long Term Prayer...**

Ron Ahlemeyer, Leona Beckmann, Carmen Bentz, Janie Borden, Walker Breland, Marguerite Dawdy, Sharon Harper, Bev Jenkins, Frances & Tom LaRoche, Susan Lenacks, Eston Mann, Judith Martin, Nancy Payne, Bouy Peeples, Genie Ridge, Meredith Sallee, Doreen Witte, Robin Webber & Elizabeth Williams.

### **Those Receiving Communion at Home...**

Edward Jacques, Bill Neville, Genie Ridge and Ann Schaffer.

### **Other Prayers...**

All those who are serving in our military throughout the world, especially Daniel Bentz, Randon Davis, Reid Furman, Erin Hadlock, Mac Hunter, Stephen King, Becker Minshew, Catherine Parnell, Finn Peterson, Andrew Speights, Bennett Stackhouse and Reid Stanley.

Fr. Gene Sherman and Christ Church Westshore, Cleveland, OH, Rev. Bill Oldland and St. Bartholomew's Church, Hartsville, SC.

### **Persecuted Churches around the world...**

We pray for persecuted churches around the world. For the month of September we pray, again, for the nations of Iraq and Syria. Heavenly Father, Christians and Christian churches in the Middle East are under immense pressure due to persecution, ISIS, civil war, and Covid-19. We continue to lift them up in your Holy Name, asking for your mercy to surround them. We pray for the churches in those nations to stay alive through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Amen.