

**St. John's Parish Church Liturgy**  
**October 18, 2020**

Proper 24 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
*GOD'S PROMISES - I will forgive your sins.*

**HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

**CHORUS:**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake be - came poor

**BRIDGE:**

(And) I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin up - on that cross

*Opening Greeting and Announcements*

## PSALM 62

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup> He truly is my strength and my salvation; \*  
he is my defense, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will you assail a man to crush him, all of you together,\*  
as if you were a tottering wall or a broken fence?

<sup>4</sup> Their plan is only to bring down the one whom God has exalted; \*  
their delight is in lies; they bless with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, for God alone my soul in silence waits, \*  
for my hope is in him.

<sup>6</sup> He truly is my strength and my salvation; \*  
he is my defense, so that I shall not fall.

<sup>7</sup> In God is my help and my glory;\*  
he is the rock of my might, and in him is my trust.

<sup>8</sup> O put your trust in him always, you people; \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

<sup>9</sup> As for the children of men, they are but a breath; \*  
the children of men are deceitful; upon the scales, they are altogether lighter  
than a breath.

<sup>10</sup> O trust not in oppression; put not vain hopes in robbery; \*  
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

<sup>11</sup> One thing has God spoken; indeed, two things have I heard him say: \*  
that power belongs to our God;

<sup>12</sup> And that you, O Lord, are merciful, \*  
for you reward everyone according to his work.

*Song*

**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the floor of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

THE ACCLAMATION

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

Proper 24

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the

land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Revelation 3:15-22**

15 "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE GOSPEL

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

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

### **Matthew 6:25-34**

### **John 3:16-21**

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. 20 For everyone who

does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

THE SERMON - *Fr. Jeremy Shelton*

### ***Song***

#### **WITH LIFTED HANDS**

I have tasted all that this world has to offer  
The here and gone that leaves you wanting more But can't satisfy  
Father forgive me for taking so long to see that You're all I need

#### CHORUS:

With every heart beat in my chest  
Lord I surrender all that I have  
The days yet to come The days in the past I'm givin' You all I am  
With lifted hands With lifted hands

You show me mercy when I've done nothing to deserve it  
You see the best in me beneath the dust  
'Cause that's how You love yeah that's how You love  
You rush through my veins I'm wrecked and I'm changed  
And my soul will sing -CH

#### BRIDGE:

Heaven or grave there is no place I can go to escape Your love  
Heaven or grave there is no place I can go to escape Your love -CH

## 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 [stjohnsparishchurch.com](http://stjohnsparishchurch.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*

### **YOU REIGN**

Over this moment, in every season - This is Your promise  
Jesus, You reign    Jesus, You reign  
Over this city, over our families - Under Your covering  
Jesus, You reign    Jesus, You reign

#### CHORUS:

Our God reigns    Our God reigns  
Hallelujah, hallelujah    Our God reigns

Over the nations, with all creation - You own the heavens  
Jesus, You reign    Jesus, You reign  
You own the victory, over the enemy - With all authority  
Jesus, You reign    Jesus, You reign -CH

#### BRIDGE:

Sickness will bow  
Idols fall down  
It's happening now  
At the name of Jesus  
Darkness will run  
Hell's overcome  
It's already done  
At the name of Jesus -CH

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***

**RUNNING IN CIRCLES**

I'm so forgetful But You always remind me  
You're the only one who brings me peace  
I'm so forgetful But You always remind me  
You're the only one who brings me peace  
You're the only one who brings me peace

**PRE-CHORUS:**

So I come, Lord, I come I come, Lord I come

**CHORUS:**

To tell You I love You To tell You I need You  
To tell You there's no better place for me Than in Your arms  
To tell You I'm sorry for Running in circles  
For placing my focus on the waves Not on Your face

You're the only one who Brings me peace  
You're the only one who Brings me peace

**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 company 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.**

#### *Song*

#### **YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE**

Who O Lord could save themselves  
Their own soul could heal  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still

#### CHORUS:

And You alone can rescue,  
You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us,  
led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way  
The great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still -CH

BRIDGE:

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes  
You're the giver of life (rpt) -CH

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!**

## 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. Seminar-ian: 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...**

We pray for Redeemer Pineville and the Rev. Franklin Wiggins

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

Today we pray for the ACNA Provincial office and The Rev. Canon Alan Hawkins, Chief Operating Officer and his wife Angela.

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

Donald, our President and Henry, our Governor.

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

Alan, Annette Baldwin, Bill Bayly, David Bernthal, Linda Brown, John D'Annunzio, Gilly Dotterer, Rev. Shay Gaillard, JoAnne Gauss, Tom Gibbs, Amy Guess, Elaine Hart, Hughes family, Edward Jacques, David Joseph, Linda Kaiser, Kay Kitchens, Stan LaRoche, Schuler family, Ransome Sheets, Jonathan Tanner, Heather Teague, Gary Terry, Parker Tuten, Charles Wallace, & Frasier Young.

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

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

For the departed...

### **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, Harts-ville, SC.

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

We pray for persecuted churches around the world. For the month of October we pray for the nation of India. Heavenly Father, Christians and Christian churches in the India are suffering due to religious nationalism, persecution, and Covid-19. We lift them up in your Holy Name, asking for your mercy to surround them. We pray for the Christian churches in India to persevere through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

### **Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers are to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Mr & Mrs Oliver F Seabrook and Mr & Mrs Edward S Bullock by Mary Agnes & John Seabrook.