

St. John's Parish Church Liturgy

October 4, 2020

Proper 22 - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD'S PROMISES - I will make you prosper.

DO IT AGAIN

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

CHORUS:

Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

BRIDGE:

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way Where there was no way
And I believe I'll see you do it again

Opening Greeting and Announcements

PSALM 122

¹ I said, “I will take heed to my ways, * that I may not offend with my tongue.

² I will keep my mouth as with a bridle * while the ungodly are in my sight.”

³ I held my tongue and spoke nothing; *
I kept silence, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

⁴ My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus pondering the fire kindled,
*
and at the last I spoke with my tongue:

⁵ “Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
that I may learn how short my life is.

⁶ Behold, you have made my days as a span in length, * and my age is even as
nothing before you; and truly, everyone living is but a breath.

⁷ For everyone walks about as a shadow, and disquiets himself in vain; *
he heaps up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

⁸ And now, Lord, what is my hope? *
Truly, my hope is in you.

⁹ Deliver me from all my offenses, *
and make me not a taunt of the foolish.

¹⁰ I became mute and opened not my mouth, *
for it was you that brought it to pass.

¹¹ Take your affliction from me; *
I am consumed by the blows of your heavy hand.

¹² When you, with rebukes, chasten someone for sin,
you consume what is dear to him, like a moth eating a garment; *
everyone therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with your ears consider my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.

14 For I am a stranger with you, *
and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

15 O turn your gaze from me, that I may again be glad, *
before I go away to be seen no more.”

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 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.

Proper 22

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 61:4-11

4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

5 Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; 6 but you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. 7 Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

8 For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the

saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. 6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. 7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 10 And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. 11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. 12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. 15 As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

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 6:19-24

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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

THE SERMON - *Fr. Jeremy Shelton*

Song

CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name

CHORUS:

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil holds within the veil -CH

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne -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^T

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, 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

HOLY IS OUR GOD

The death for which all sin demands
The sinless died for guilty man
And though we give our hearts to less
He is our righteousness

The Christ who took the sinner's place
Sings the symphony of grace
While Satan's lies of guilt abound
The Savior's love resounds

CHORUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God

From heaven's throne above I hear
The voice that silences all fear
It's a declaration of a King
Says "You are mine and you are free"
Yes, we are Yours and we are free! -CH

He will return just as He said
The day the graves give up their dead
And I will bow face to the ground
And sing the sweetest sound -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

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

CHORUS:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. -CH

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! -CH

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.**

Song

RESURRECTING

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

CHORUS:

Your name Your name Is victory
All praise Will rise To Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

BRIDGE:

(... me) By your spirit I will rise
from the ashes of defeat
the resurrected king
is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive

to declare your victory
the resurrected king
is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God emptied the grave
Our God emptied the grave

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.

Seminarian: 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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali

Visiting Bishop for Anglican Communion Relationships

In the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, today we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda - The Most Rev. Dr. Laurent Mbanda Archbishop and his wife, Chantal

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, 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 Peoples, Genie Ridge, Meredith Sallee, Julie Snellen, Doreen Witte, Robin Webber & Elizabeth Williams.

For the departed...

Ralph Neal Edgerton and Brenda LaVake

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 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 Jerry Harris by Martha Harris