



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021

### MORNING PRAYER RITE II

**Prelude** All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 662

J. S. Bach

#### Opening Sentences

Priest Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

#### The Invitatory

Priest Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Priest and People together

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Priest The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

#### Jubilate: Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

#### Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
     the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,\*  
     the maker of heaven and earth.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
     as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**A Reading from the Book of Esther**

**Esther 7:1-6, 9:10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 609**

Where cross the crowded ways of life

*Gardiner*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt. Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

## The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God.*

## The Sermon

Gideon L.K. Pollach

## The Apostles' Creed

Priest In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, let us affirm our faith and say:

*Priest and People together, all standing*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,*

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Priest* Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer (*Priest and People together*)

*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 Suffrages A

*V.* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*R.* *And grant us your salvation.*  
*V.* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*R.* *Let your people sing with joy.*  
*V.* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*R.* *For only in you can we live in safety.*  
*V.* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*R.* *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
*V.* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*R.* *Your saving health among all nations.*  
*V.* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*R.* *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
*V.* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*R.* *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Prayers and Additional Collects

*Priest* Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I ask your prayers for all those who are sick and all those commended to our prayers:

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation; particularly, those serving our nation overseas, our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes, Haiti; those who are adversely affected by the Coronavirus and its response; and for those who are ill:

For all those serving our nation overseas, for the nation of Afghanistan and those seeking safety for their families; for the nation of Haiti and in particular our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes; for the victims of Hurricane Ida; those who are adversely affected by the Coronavirus and its response; for those who are ill: Shirley Baker, Leon Balacki, Eileen Bellini, Chloe Clancy, Allie, Nick, and

Charles Culver, Elisa Deane, Luke Demarest, Nancy Fowler, Angelina Rose Freda, Barbara Gallagher, Bob Genzale, Vanessa Gullo, George Harstedt, Charles Herz, Carol Jamison Hildebrand, Evelyn Hiller, Edith Hoffman, Nancy Hussey, Ruth Knutson, Marie Lee, Edward Martinez, Virginia Martinez, Una McHugh, Alan Moore, Peter Morris, Alex Patterson, Peter Pawelko, Joan Penrose-Borum, Luna Belle Perrone, Robert Reimels, Rafael Roper, Jack Santaniello, Katherine Simon, Joan Small, Helen Colgate Smith, Carole Walker, and Connie.

*A period of silence follows for your prayers*

*Priest* In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A period of silence follows for your prayers of thanksgiving*

### The General Thanksgiving

*Priest and People together*

*We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Priest* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Closing Sentences

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Offertory** There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Calvin Hampton*

### The Grace

*Priest* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### LEVAS 189

Great is thy faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)  
Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

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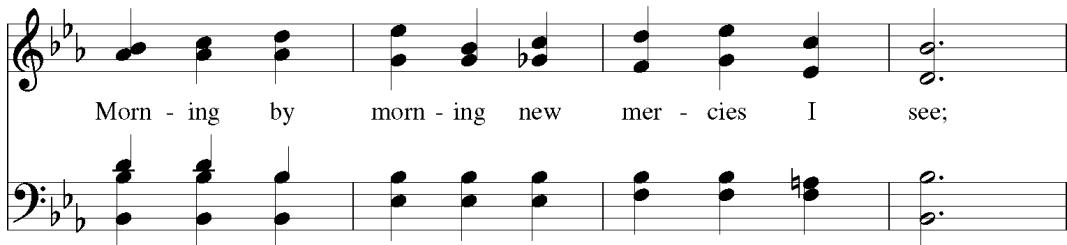
1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



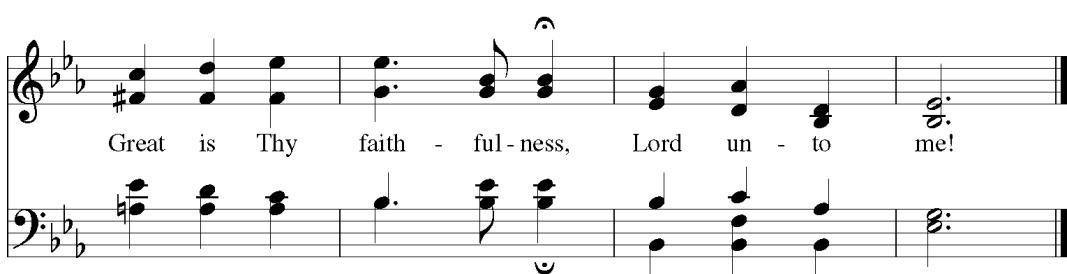
Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the wedding of Tracey Woolard and Peter Scott Cope Jr.*

### **Service Participants**

#### *8 am Service*

Lector: Mary Gay Townsend  
Usher: Seamus Mitchell

#### *10 am Service*

Readers: Jon Hatch, Laura Gutkowski  
Usher: Billy Wresch, Joe Bonventre  
AV Support: Jack Weidinger  
Organist: Dr. Carol Weitner

### **Pastoral Care**

For all those serving our nation overseas, for the nation of Afghanistan and those seeking safety for their families; for the nation of Haiti and in particular our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes; for the victims of Hurricane Ida; those who are adversely affected by the Coronavirus and its response; for those who are ill: Shirley Baker, Leon Balacki, Eileen Bellini, Chloe Clancy, Allie, Nick, and Charles Culver, Elisa Deane, Luke Demarest, Nancy Fowler, Angelina Rose Freda, Barbara Gallagher, Bob Genzale, Vanessa Gullo, George Harstedt, Charles Herz, Carol Jamison Hildebrand, Evelyn Hiller, Edith Hoffman, Nancy Hussey, Ruth Knutson, Marie Lee, Edward Martinez, Virginia Martinez, Una McHugh, Alan Moore, Peter Morris, Alex Patterson, Peter Pawelko, Joan Penrose-Borum, Luna Belle Perrone, Robert Reimels, Rafael Roper, Jack Santaniello, Katherine Simon, Joan Small, Helen Colgate Smith, Carole Walker, and Connie, and for those who have died especially those who died 20 years ago in the September 11th attacks and were remembered by our congregation yesterday.

### **Caring Connection**

#### **September**

Gina Jacobsen (516) 639-7438

#### **October**

Terry Walton (631) 793-3003  
Susie Fairchild (631) 877-7783

### This Week at St. John's

9/26 Sun	8 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10 am	Morning Prayer Rite II
	11:30 am	St. John's Singers Rehearsal
9/28 Tue	5 pm	Grow-to-Give Garden Work Period
	4 pm	Primary Choir Group A Rehearsal
	4:45 pm	Junior Choir Group A Rehearsal
	5 pm	Grow-to-Give Garden Work Period
	5:30 pm	Choral Scholars Rehearsal
	7:15 pm	AA Meeting (Beginners)
9/29 Wed	4 pm	Primary Choir Group B Rehearsal
	4:45 pm	Junior Choir Group B Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Junior Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6 pm	Full Handbell Choir Rehearsal
9/30 Thu	4 pm	Primary Choir Group C Rehearsal
	4:45 pm	Junior Choir Group C Rehearsal
	6 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	7 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10/2 Sat	10 am	Grow-to-give Garden Work Period
10/3 Sun	8 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:30 am	St. John's Singers Rehearsal
	5 pm	Blessing of the Animals

Links to all online and activities on Zoom can be found in the St. John's calendar,  
on the website [www.stjcs.org](http://www.stjcs.org), or in the latest *At St. John's e-newsletter*