

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord

576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342

Founded 1702

Celebrating 318 Years of Worship

The Reverend Daniel W. Hinkle, M.Div. – Interim Rector



September 27th, 2020

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21 Year A
10:00 a.m. Family Contemporary Worship (Live-Streamed)**

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Music

Good Morning and Welcome!

The usher has a list of those who signed up ahead of time for worship. They will be seated first. If there is room, those who did not sign up ahead of time may then be seated. We are limited to 35 people in the church for both services plus an additional 35 in the parish hall during 10 am worship.

All children older than two years and all adults must wear a mask and observe appropriate physical distancing at all times. Keep your distance and refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or touching. Hand sanitizer is available for your convenience. We ask that you only use the old bathrooms located in the main entrance to the parish hall and across from the kitchen. Children must stay with their parents/guardians at all times.

Everything you need for worship is in this leaflet. The Episcopal Church practices open Communion, which means that if you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Let the priest know if you want gluten-free Bread. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Cross your hands over your heart as a sign to the priest.

Perhaps you have not been regular in attending church or have been away from church for a while. You are especially welcome. Please sign our Guest Book in the vestibule and make yourself known to our priest. When you are comfortable here and ready to talk about becoming a member of The Episcopal Church, or if you want to start up/start over, please speak with our priest who is glad to help.

BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer

**** Indicates please stand if you are able***

+ You may make the sign of the cross

Please be sure to properly wear your mask to cover both your nose and mouth at all times. Before going to your pew, please be sure to place your offerings in the Offering Plate as you enter the church or parish hall.

Church Bell is Rung.

Prelude

10:00 am Silent entrance of the Ministers. Congregation remains seated.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn (All seated and listening) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Hymn #450

***Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father+, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*** Collect of Purity**

Celebrant: 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.*

*** Song of Praise: Glory to God**

BCP, p. 356

All: **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***The Collect for the Day**

BCP, p. 234

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. 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.

All: **Amen.** (*All are seated*)

**Lessons for 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21 Year A –
New Revised Common Lectionary
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

“The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on

edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8 *(Read as directed by the Leader)*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

*** The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

“When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Children’s Message

Margie Hatcher

Sermon

Fr. Dan +

***The Nicene Creed**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Form VI**

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Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For the elected officials in our local communities; for Tom, our Governor; for Donald our President; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation; we especially remember all victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring;

People: **For the poor and all victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray especially for our companion congregation, Saint Andrews Church, in our companion Diocese of Guatemala;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; for Daniel, our Bishop; for Miguel, priest of our companion church; for Dan, our Interim Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, those ill from the Corona Virus, the shut in, and the grieving, for those in the medical professions during the Corona Virus Pandemic, for those serving in the military, in law enforcement, and other dangerous professions, and we pray for our enemies, that all of our hearts may be turned to peace. Additional petitions may be added at this time

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your very good creation; for St. John, our Patron, and for all the Saints; we give thanks for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing. You may add other thanksgivings at this time _____.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all faithful departed, especially remembering Audrey, Paul, Julia, Edward, Eunice and all those who have died from the Corona Virus, that they all will have a place in your eternal kingdom. Other deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time as well.

(Pause)

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Tom, Mary Pat, Tim, John, Bette Jo, Judy, and Marge; and anniversaries: Pat & Stephen, Stephanie & Stephen, Leesa & Theodore.

Leader: Let us pray for the calling of a new Rector for St. John's Church:

All: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the Search Committee and Vestry who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that**

we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP, p. 818 # 13

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Leader: Have mercy upon us,

All: most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant stands and says: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. All: **Amen.**

***The Peace** (*All stand*)

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(As a precaution against the spread of corona virus, instead of shaking hands, touching, or hugging, please bow, wave, and/or share the peace sign during the passing of the Peace.

Thank you for your understanding.)

Announcements (*All seated*)

Birthdays and Anniversaries - A Birthday Prayer (BCP, p. 830 # 51)

All: Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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(Celebrant says Offertory Sentence and then prepares the Altar for Holy Communion.)

*** Presentation of Gifts**

(After Altar is prepared for Holy Communion, Usher brings up the Offering Plate.)

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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(The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says)

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Proper Preface of the Lord's Day

...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(People may continue standing or kneel)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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 Breaking of the Bread *(The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread)*

BCP, p. 364

Silence

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(The Usher will let you know when to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Only four unrelated people may be at the Altar Rail at a time, but families may come forward together. We will receive the Bread only. After you have received Holy Communion, please leave the Altar Rail through the sacristy to the left. Go outside and return to your pew via the church front door. Those in the parish hall will go forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.)

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God,

All: we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Blessing

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant: 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 Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *All: Amen.*

Closing Hymn *(All seated and listening) Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*
(Exit of the Ministers. Candles are extinguished during hymn.)

Hymn #686

***Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***11:00 am Weather permitting, we will gather outside
the Parish Hall side door for Fellowship***

No Zoom Sunday School Lesson Today



Today's 10:00 AM Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle

Reader: Melody Calhoun

Counters: Bill & Carol Angus

Altar Guild: John Pachkowski, Sherry Stiteler

Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers

Class of Feb. 7, 2021

Bill Calhoun, Steve Carmichael, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Ted Stipa

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

Burt Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Mary Gonzalez, Gerry Tierney, Danielle Yoch

Officers

Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden

Ted Stipa, Vestry Warden

Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses

Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

New Rector Search Committee

For Bios and Photos of those serving on the Search Committee, please visit the Church Website and click on the Search Committee dropdown under the New Rector Search tab at top of Home page.

Chair: Danielle Yoch, Co-Chair: John Pachkowski, Corresponding Secretary: John Lynam,

Recording Secretary: Jacqui Dunn,

Cathy Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Emily Hammer, Ann McGonigal, Maureen Thompson.

Church Staff

Jessica Villante, Music Director

Chris Villante, Interim Organist/Keyboardist

Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist

Margaret Hatcher, Children's Chapel

Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons

Joan Marie Lupi, Parish Administrator

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Church Office Hours

Mondays – Fridays, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Church Website: www.saintjohnsconcord.com

Mission of Saint John's

**To be a welcoming community committed to
seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.**

**Our vision is to grow with intent. We will maintain intimacy by gathering in
groups; reach all generations through fellowship; advance our mission through a vital
program of outreach; nurture spiritual growth through worship, music, education and
pastoral care; encourage commitment to effective ministry;**

and support the church through stewardship.

Saint John's is a Heart-friendly Church.