



***St. John's Episcopal Church***  
***The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***October 12, 2025 ~ 10am***

## **Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marc Eames**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude: *Prelude in C*, by Eugene Thayer

Processional Hymn #567 *Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old*

#### **Opening Acclamation:**

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

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Collect for Purity:** 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.

#### **Gloria:**

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**The Collect of the Day:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*\* The congregation may be seated*

**The First Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7: Lector: A reading from the book of Jeremiah.**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**Lector: The word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 66:1-11**

### ***Jubilate Deo***

1 Be joyful in God, all  
you lands; \*  
sing the glory of  
his Name;  
sing the glory of  
his praise.

2 Say to God, "How  
awesome are your  
deeds! \*  
because of your  
great strength your  
enemies cringe  
before you.

3 All the earth bows  
down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings  
out your Name."

4 Come now and see the  
works of God, \*  
how wonderful he  
is in his doing  
toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into  
dry land,  
so that they went  
through the water  
on foot, \*  
and there we  
rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules  
for ever;  
his eyes keep  
watch over the  
nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up  
against him.

7 Bless our God, you  
peoples; \*  
make the voice of  
his praise to be  
heard;

8 Who holds our souls  
in life, \*  
and will not allow  
our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have  
proved us; \*  
you have tried us  
just as silver is  
tried.

10 You brought us into  
the snare; \*  
you laid heavy  
burdens upon our  
backs.

11 You let enemies ride  
over our heads;  
we went through  
fire and water; \*  
but you brought us  
out into a place of  
refreshment.

## **The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-17:**

**Lector: A reading from Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy.** Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**Lector: The word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #538 *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

*\* The congregation will stand as able and turn towards the Gospel book.*

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

**The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19:** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily:** The Rev. Marc Eames

**The Nicene Creed:** 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:**

Deacon: Healing God, we praise you and we thank you for all your gifts; hear now our prayers as we lift our voices and say, Lord in your mercy//**Hear our prayer.**

Grant that your church might be a light in the darkness, a refuge in uncertainty, and an example of love in action to bring forth a world healed by love.

Lord in your mercy//**Hear our prayer.**

Bring together the people of this nation in reconciliation and peace, that together we might build a community whose foundation is the recognition of the dignity of all people.

Lord in your mercy//**Hear our prayer.**

Light a fire in our hearts, that we might feel compelled to show your love in our actions and words throughout the moments of our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy//**Hear our prayer.**

May your peace and justice prevail in areas of conflict around the world, that all people everywhere may know liberty and be free to live into their God-granted potential.

Lord in your mercy//**Hear our prayer.**

INT: Mend what is broken and make whole what is missing in the lives of all who suffer and grant your healing power to those in need.. I now invite you to say aloud those whom we are praying for today. (Pause)

We pray for the special concerns of this congregation:

For peace in the Holy Land and Middle East.

For the people of Ukraine and Russia.

For peace in Haiti and for St. Vincent's School in Port au Prince

For the Cheyenne River Lakota Indian Nation

For the preservation and protection of God's Creation and Creatures

For the health of our Veterans and family

For the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

For the Protection of those American men and women in harm's way

We give thanks for *Elaine Anderson and Warren McGrath* who are serving at Cornerstone Soup Kitchen today. We give thanks for *Teresa of Avila* whom we remember at Wednesday's Eucharist.

Deacon: Lord in your mercy, // **Hear our prayer.**

May those who have died know the eternal embrace of your love and welcome each of us in the moment of our death into your presence. We pray for the repose of the soul of *Todd Hirth*.

Lord in your mercy, // **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, you have always provided all that we need and showed us the path to abundant life made manifest in your Son, our Lord, Christ Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and always, Amen.



### **The Confession:**

**Deacon:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### **The Absolution**

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### **The Peace**

### **The Offertory**

*\* The congregation may be seated for the offertory.*

## **Holy Eucharist**

Choral Offertory Anthem: *Awake, My Heart*, by Jane M. Marshall

Doxology

Hymn #380 vs. 3

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

*\* The congregation will stand as able.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sanctus & Benedictus**

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*\* After the conclusion of the Sanctus, the congregation may kneel or stand.*

**The Lord's Prayer:** 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.

**Fraction Anthem:**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**Agnus Dei:**

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## **The Communion invitation**

*\*The congregation may be seated.*

**[All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion when you will be offered a wafer and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available - just ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms over your chest.]**

Communion Music: *The Lord's Prayer*, by Jozef Kocieda  
*Communion, Op. 218*, by L. Rottazzo  
*Adagio in E Flat*, by Adolph Hesse

## **Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors:** *(if applicable)*

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People:** We who are many are one, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## **Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*\*The congregation may stand or kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, 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 her, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn #390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*\* The Congregation will stand as able.*

### **Dismissal**

Postlude: *Toccata in C Major*, by J.C. Bach

*\*The congregation may sit.*

*\*The congregation has been dismissed and may depart but is invited to listen to the postlude.*

### **Altar Servers in the 10:00 am Eucharists:**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Marc Eames

**Deacon:** The Rev. Deacon Scott J. Stevens

**Lector, Intercessor & MOC:** Joy Dorin

**Ushers:** Don Wills and Don Wasik

**Acolyte(s):** Emily, Maizie, Roxie

**Altar Guild:** Lois Valliere, Donna Lemay, Jackie Petrizzo

*Two restrooms and a baby-changing area are in the undercroft (basement) of the church, which can be reached by the stairs in the church entryway. Two handicap restrooms are located on the upper level of the church office building next door to the church.*

Rector: The Rev. Marc G. Eames

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Scott J. Stevens

Director of Music: Zoe Vandermeer

Parish Administrator: Christina Morin

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**2025 Vestry**

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**Treasurer:** Kevin Fenner

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**Vestry Members**

Elaine Anderson, Meghan Birdseye, Mary Davis, Jim Hutton,  
Betsy Ibsen, Joanne Palica, Bruce Perry, Polly Schaefer, Sarah Tierinni