



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020: PROPER 21
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 ST. JOHN'S LIVE



ST. JOHN'S
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 JACKSON HOLE

OPENING HYMN

“How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place” The Hymnal 517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the Revelations e-Newsletter for more information on what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.

MOMENT OF QUIET

Our service begins with the ringing of a bell and moment of intentional quiet.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Clergy Leader

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

God of Love, you know our inner-most thoughts and the deepest secrets of our hearts. Holy Spirit, move into our lives with your mercy and forgiveness, cleanse us and make us whole, so that we are ready to serve you and your creation with love. **Amen.**

Clergy Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Clergy Leader Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Clergy Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Leader 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. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Clergy The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-8

Typically, we read the Psalms responsively. Online, we will read the Psalms in unison as a symbol of our enduring connection.

**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 HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-32

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mary Erickson, Brian Nystrom, Jimmy Bartz

During our time of worship over the web, our sermons will be a conversation among the clergy.

MAKE YOUR OWN EXPRESSION OF LOVE

An opportunity to apply what the story teaches us to creatively embody the faith in real time.

MUSIC

"Sing a New Church"

Kirsten Farney, vocalist, Ron Fabry, piano

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IN NEED OF COMFORT

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DeeDee Sorsby
Mary Talisman
Thomas
Nikki Thompson
Kim Tsamoutales
Tim Turner
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John Vogt
Jean Webber
Cindy Windfield

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Samuel Ayers
Anna Brown
Cathie Burkland
Lynn Grassell
Maggie Hill
Allison Jones
Katy Klotz
Maggie Land
Jessica Long
Abby Lucas
Courtney Marvin
Steven Ryan

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Rod & Verena Cushman
Scott & Petria Fossell
John & Val Goettler
John & Patty Lummis

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

**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

The Clergy Leader and People pray responsively

Clergy Leader

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to God, saying: O God, in your goodness,
hear our prayer.

In this time of confusion, vulnerability and uncertainty, let us pray to God.

O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That our spiritual leaders may serve your people in ways that demonstrate your
love and healing power, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That the leaders of this nation, and all others in authority, may be guided by your Wisdom, and find strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of these troubling times, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,
hear our prayer.

That all peoples of the earth, especially the most vulnerable among us, be kept safe. Let us pray to God for the special needs of our congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

O God, in your goodness,
hear our prayer.

That we, your people may find joy in compassion and unity, that we may find new ways to connect and love one another. Let us pray to God in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

O God, in your goodness,
hear our prayer.

That we may have patience as your work in the world unfolds. That we do not fall into despair but rise in hope, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,

hear our prayer.

That those who have died may find peace and joy among the communion of saints, let us pray to God.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

O God, in your goodness,
hear our prayer.

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant N., Bishop-elect of The Diocese of Wyoming, a pastor in your Church to feed your flock: Give abundantly to N. the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that he/she may minister in your household as a true servant of Christ and a steward of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Clergy Leader

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Clergy Leader

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

God whose vision spans all the ages of the earth, help us to see in this moment the pain and suffering our sisters and brothers are subjected to, and give us the will to right the wrongs we have done, by our actions and our inactions. Ease the pain of all your people. Help us also to see beyond this moment and to embrace the wider perspective of your whole creation. Deliver us from fear and lead us into a way of love and justice that makes room for all peoples. Send your spirit among us that we may know the healing power of your love, All this we ask through your son, Jesus, the reconciler of the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR COMMUNION

The People say together

God of Love, we thank you for bringing us together in this place, on this day to honor and to celebrate you and your People, the living, loving Body of Christ. Jesus told his disciples, “Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Bless this gathering as a sacramental rite, a visible sign of your love for us, and our love for one another. Even in the absence of the bread and the wine, let us feed on You, your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in our hearts, with faith and thanksgiving. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May our hearts feel the song of the meadowlark, our minds the clearness of the mountain air, and our souls the freedom of the soaring eagle. May our faith be renewed as the creek in spring, may we celebrate the saving redemption of the Cross in all its mysteries, may we always feel the love of the community of Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia 11 in G Minor, JS Bach

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The Reverend Suzanne Harris

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