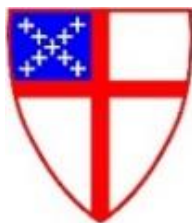


The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024
The Holy Eucharist Rite II



St. John's Episcopal Church
Crawfordsville, IN



Prelude

Passacaglia and Pifaro on Nettleton

Pasch

Welcome

The Rev. Jason Fortner

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the bell.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Opening Acclamation

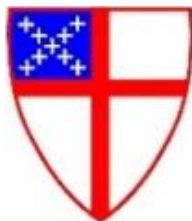
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say

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 in Excelsis

C.D. Short

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and love and peace to the
 6 peo-ple. Migh-ty and im mor - tal, ho - ly God, we thank and
 9 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of
 13 God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mercy on us
 18 sinners, and in - ter - cede for us. For you a - lone are
 24 ho-ly, and wor-thy to be praised. - With the Ho-ly Spi - rit,
 28 Lord, we pray thee, bless us with the glory of God. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

First Reading

Reader 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Hymnal 635

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Fortner

A brief silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**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 sin.

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.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially Cole, Mary, Terresa, Jack, Tim, Mike, Brittany, Karen, Bill, Ann, John, Bill, Jim, Elaine, Ruth, Jeannie, Carole, Frank, Char, Nancy, Lauren, Larry, Catherine, Julie, Linda, Stacie, Greg, George, Shelbi, Larry, Shannon, Emma, Jake, Max, Blair, Maggie, Terry.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Continue to bless and guide the work of the Reunification Discernment Committee, that they may seek your will, honor the history and traditions of the church in Indiana, and fulfill their duties with grace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

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.

Celebrant pronounces God's absolution of sin saying

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Eucharist

Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Offertory Anthem

The Eyes of All

Berger

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 380 verse 3

Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please remain standing as you are able.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

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

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.

Sanctus 🛎️ 🛎️ 🛎️

Celebrant and People sing:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.


Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.


Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.** 

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Together all sing,

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people with these or similar words.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you,
and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 344

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Trumpet Rondeau in D Major

Lasky

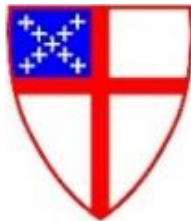
Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Jason Fortner

Music: Jerilyn Yerkes

Today's Date	Next Sunday
Lector Katharine Morrison, Jessica Roosa	Kim Green, Susan Albrecht
LEM Katharine Morrison, Jessica Roosa/Peggy Lohorn	Kim Green, Betty & John Culley
Crucifer Frank Sorrentino, Aaron Morrison	Teresa Titus, Sam Smith
Greeters Olander's	Joyce Bell, Robin Grayson
Altar Guild Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy	Sheila & Jessica
Counters Nancy Bennett, Jim Gary	John Roberts, Peggy Lohorn
Coffee Meegan Reidy	Frank Sorrentino
Clean Up Katharine Morrison	Meegan Reidy

Altar Flower: The flowers are given by Nancy Bennett to the Glory of God in honor of Larry Bennett's 84th birthday.



ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Blessing of the animals October 6th @ 1:00 pm in the Wheat Field.** We will be taking up a collection for the Animal Welfare League as well. Bring your pets, but if you'd rather just bring a picture of your pet, that is okay too.
- **Wabash Neighborhood Meeting Oct 3RD at 6:30pm in Whitlock Hall.** This is the pre-diocesan convention meeting of the churches in our area. All are welcome to attend as we discuss the proposed diocesan budget for 2025 and the upcoming business of the convention.
- **Come join us for Bible study** every Wednesday morning at 9am in Whitlock Hall and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road here in Crawfordsville.
- **Diocesan Youth Retreat November 22-24 at Waycross!!** Youth interested in attending and adults who would like to volunteer (and attend for free!) should visit indydio.org/youth. Sign up by November 10.

St. John's Vestry

2025

Jim Gary, Sr. Warden
Kim Green
Kari Brock

2026

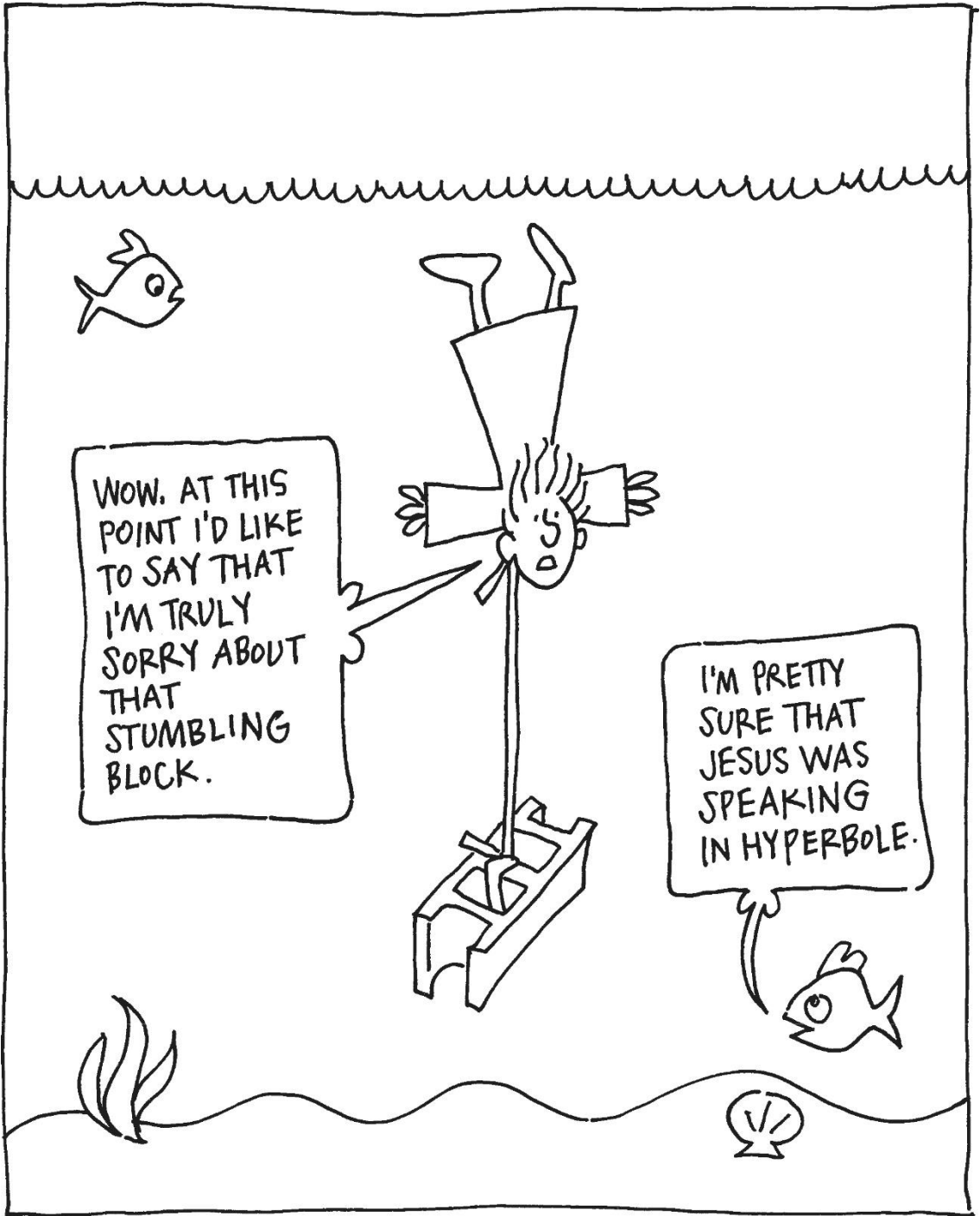
Adrienne Ashbaugh
Sam Hildebrand
Katharine Morrison

2027

Peggy Lohorn, Jr. Warden
John Roberts
Frank Sorentino

John Culley, Treasurer, Ex-Officio

Aaron Morrison, Clerk, Ex-Officio



WOW. AT THIS POINT I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT THAT STUMBLING BLOCK.

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT JESUS WAS SPEAKING IN HYPERBOLE.



St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Mission: St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

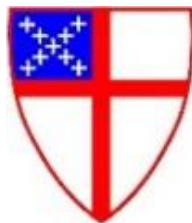
Vision: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.



**St. John's Episcopal Church is a parish
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