THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 18
SUNG EUCHARIST
September 10, 2023  |  10:30 AM

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The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall,
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The Very Rev. Chad-Joseph Sundin, OSBCn,
Vicar-Chaplain
The Ven. Amy Bryan, Deacon
The Rev. Lisa Goforth, Affiliate Priest
The Rev. Canon Jana Sundin, Affiliate Priest
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Join the Church in Prayer | Prayer is central to our life together as Christians, modeled by our Lord and affirmed in our Baptismal Covenant. The Daily Offices are an ancient practice of the Church and a vital tradition of Christian formation. Follow the code to find the links for praying the evening office at the bottom of our website, or find them in our newsletter.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Online Giving from your pew! Follow the QR code to give online or update your recurring gift. Thank you!

St. A’s Nursery is open! Care is available anytime between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for infants and children up to age 4.

St. A’s Children’s Chapel | Children’s Chapel is meant to give children an opportunity to engage with the Liturgy of the Word in an accessible and meaningful way. Following the Procession and opening collect, children will be led by Safeguarded ministers to the chapel. They will return during the Peace and stay with their caregivers during the Liturgy of the Table.

Communities of Practice: St. Augustine’s Small Group Ministry

Communities of Practice provide smaller, more intimate contexts for sustaining St. Augustine’s mission to “live seamless lives of prayer, worship, hospitality, and service” and for us to realize our vision to “grow and expand our capacity to care, to welcome, and to connect with God, each other, and our neighbors.” They do this by creating supportive small groups that share the practices of a regular Christian life. They meet weekly or every other week in the homes of leaders to pray together, to eat together, and to study and reflect together.

Follow the QR code to learn more!
Acknowledging the people of the land, the O’Odham and the Piipaash, and other indigenous people as original stewards of this land, we give our thanks for our ancestors, our elders, and for all indigenous peoples who worship with us today.

St. Augustine’s is a member of the Union of Black Episcopalians, whose mission is to unite the diverse cultures, concerns and gifts of Black Episcopalians by providing preparation and encouragement for living the Baptismal Covenant and fully participating in the mission and governance of The Episcopal Church.

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) includes musical pieces from both the African American and Gospel traditions and has been compiled under the supervision of the Office of Black Ministries of the Episcopal Church.

Habitat for Humanity will be building a home in Tempe, and we are organizing a group of volunteers from St. A’s to contribute to the effort. If you would like to be a part of the build, please contact Keeley for more information at daveandkeeley@gmail.com

NEW(ISH) TO ST. A’S?
You are invited to a welcome to St. A’s gathering on Sunday, September 17 @6PM
If you began attending St. A’s any time since our previous Welcome Gathering in February 2022, please join us at the Carson home in Chandler to enjoy dinner and fellowship and to learn more about your new community!

COURTYARD UPDATE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Brick-laying is in progress, which will bring Phase I of our courtyard renovation to a close. To expedite the process, we are recruiting volunteers to serve as “gofers” to transport bricks to the brick layers. If you can help with physical labor please contact Keeley at daveandkeeley@gmail.com

Details about phase II coming soon!
Contribute by writing "Courtyard Renovation" on your check or by following the code to our giving page and choosing the Courtyard Renovation Fund

ALTAR FLOWERS
Given by Ruth Lindsay
In Celebration of the birthday of Chris Beber
Prelude Music

Processional Hymn

No, Not One!

#90, LEVAS

J.S. Bach

Violin Sonata #2

1. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
2. No friend like Him is so high and holy,
3. There's not an hour that He is not near us,
4. Did ever a saint find this friend for sake Him?
5. Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?

1. No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our sou'-s dis-eases,
2. No, not one! no, not one! And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,
3. No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His love can cheer us,
4. No, not one! no, not one! Or sinner find that He would not take him?
5. No, not one! no, not one! Will He refuse us a home in heaven?

Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! no not one!
THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity

People: And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA

SCOTTISH CHANT

FABIAN
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray. Grant us, O God, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING AND PROCESSION TO THE CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children will leave their pews, following the cross, to engage the Liturgy of the Word in the Children’s Chapel.

Listen to the FIRST LESSON:
A reading from 1 Samuel (27: 1-3, 8-12).

David said to his heart, “Now one day I shall be swept away by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better than that I escape to the land of the
Philistines, then Saul will despair of seeking me any further within the border of Israel and I shall escape out of his hand.” So David got up and went over, he and six hundred men who were with him, to Achish son of Maoch, ruler of Gath. And David stayed with Achish at Gath, he and his troops, each man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, wife of Nabal.

And David and his men went up and raided on the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites, for they were the inhabitants of the land from of old on your way to Shur and on to the land of Egypt. Then David smote the land and there was neither woman or man living; and he took sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels and clothing and would return and come back to Achish. Then Achish would ask, “Against whom did you all raid today?” And David would say, “against the Negeb of Judah,” or “against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelites,” or “against the Negeb of the Kenites.” Neither woman nor man David left living to be brought back to Gath, saying, “Lest they tell about us, and say, ‘Thus did David.’” Thus was his custom all the days he lived in the country of the Philistines. Now Achish trusted David saying, “He has made himself an abhorrent stench in the nostrils of his people, in Israel; so he shall be my slave for all time.”

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE  Psalm 72: 1-4, 12-14, 18-19

God, give the ruler your / justice, *
and your righteousness to a ruler’s / son.
May the [next] ruler judge your people with / righteousness, *
and your afflicted ones with / justice.

May the mountains raise up well-being for the / people, *
and the hills, / righteousness.
May the ruler do justice for the poor of the / people, *
grant deliverance to those born in need
and crush the o / - ppressor.
For the ruler delivers the needy when they / call, *
the oppressed and those who have no / helper.
The ruler has pity on the poor and the / needy, *
and saves the lives of the / needy.

From oppression and violence the ruler redeems their / life; *
and precious is their blood in the sight of their / ruler.
Blessed be the FOUNT OF JUSTICE, the God of / Israel, *
who alone does wondrous / things.

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Blessed be her glorious name for / - ever; *
may her glory fill the whole earth. Amen and A / - men.

Listen to the SECOND LESSON:
A reading from Romans (2: 12-16)
All who sin lawlessly will also perish lawlessly, and all who have sinned with
regard to law will be judged by law. For it is not those who hear the law
who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be made
righteous. When Gentiles, who do not have the law, naturally act according
to the law, these [women and men], not having the law, are a law to
themselves. They demonstrate that the essence of the law is written on their
hearts, which their own conscience proves true, and their conflicting
thoughts will either accuse or excuse them on the day when God will judge
the hidden things of women and men, according to my gospel, through
Jesus Christ.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN
O CHRIST, THE WORD INCARNATE
#632, 1982 HYMNAL
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:1-7).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In that hour [that Jesus taught about taxes] the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who then is the greatest in the realm of the heavens?” Jesus called a child, whom he placed among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, lest you all be changed and become like children, you all will never enter the realm of the heavens. Whoever humbles themselves like this child is the greatest in the realm of the heavens. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.

“But if anyone puts an enticement to sin before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of enticement to sin! Enticements to sin are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the enticement comes!


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON – THE REV. CANON JANA SUNDIN

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We believe in one God,
Mother and Father, Sovereign and Almighty,
maker of the heavens and the earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Mother,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through whom 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 human.
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 Sovereign. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his dominion will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. With the Almighty and the Son she is worshiped and glorified. She 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**

*Leader:* 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. *Silence.*

*Leader:* 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. *Silence.*

*Cantor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* 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. *Silence.*

*Cantor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Leader:* 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. *Silence.*
Cantor: Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Patti and Family, Larry, Arthur, Brianna, Jeffrey, Joyce, Tiana, Maia and Eddie, John, Bernie, Ethan, Stephen, Roger, Brian, Daniel, Mike, Philip, the Tillman Family, Suzanne, the Scott Family, Kristen, Dominic, and Bodhi; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Silence.  
Cantor: Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Nancy and Langston Sr., that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence.  
Cantor: Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** Hear our prayer.

The Presider says the concluding collect. **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
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 our Savior 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: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** And also with you.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; for you
are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us
to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.

**Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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**The Ministration of Communion**

Those who hunger and thirst for God are welcome at Christ’s table. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to the altar, as you are able.

If you do not wish to partake but would like a blessing, please cross and fold your arms in front of your chest.

Inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.

The Cup is available by intinction or sipping, if you so desire.

A reminder: Communion in One Kind is full Communion.

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**Communion Music**

*Arise, My Soul, Arise* by Forrest, arr. Witherell

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**Post Communion Prayer**

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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as
faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN**

O GOD OF GENTLE STRENGTH

#771, WONDER, LOVE, & PRAISE

1. O God of gentle strength, your love embraces me. With the sureness of your care my heart rests willingly.
2. Your waters of rebirth have claimed us as your own. As members of one body, we shall never be alone.
3. And when life’s challenges eclipse our minds with doubt, let holy wisdom be a spark a flame to drive the darkness out.
4. Where will the journey lead? The things unseen will keep our footing sure.

**POSTLUDE**

CELLO SUITE #1

J.S. BACH
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