

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost—July 17, 2022, 9 am

SUNDAY NEWS

Readings: Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Voluntary

Prelude on "O God, our help in ages past"

James Woodman (b.1957)

Opening Hymn, #601 (1982 Hymnal), "O day of God, draw nigh"

**Collect: God of all delight, grant us that joy which none can take from us,
of having a work to do, a life to live;
that joy in believing which will carry us through.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(NZPB)

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

(NLT)

Then the Sovereign LORD showed me another vision. In it I saw a basket filled with ripe fruit. "What do you see, Amos?" he asked. I replied, "A basket full of ripe fruit." Then the LORD said, "Like this fruit, Israel is ripe for punishment! I will not delay their punishment again. In that day the singing in the temple will turn to wailing. Dead bodies will be scattered everywhere. They will be carried out of the city in silence. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

Listen to this, you who rob the poor and trample down the needy!

You can't wait for the Sabbath day to be over and the religious festivals to end
so you can get back to cheating the helpless.

You measure out grain with dishonest measures and cheat the buyer with dishonest scales.

And you mix the grain you sell with chaff swept from the floor.

Then you enslave poor people for one piece of silver or a pair of sandals.

Now the LORD has sworn this oath by his own name, the Pride of Israel:

"I will never forget the wicked things you have done!

The earth will tremble for your deeds, and everyone will mourn.

The ground will rise like the Nile River at floodtime; it will heave up, then sink again.

"In that day," says the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth while it is still day.

I will turn your celebrations into times of mourning and your singing into weeping.

You will wear funeral clothes and shave your heads to show your sorrow—
as if your only son had died. How very bitter that day will be!

"The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the LORD.

People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from border to border
searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it."

Psalm 52

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened
razor * O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a
refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied
upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house
God; * I trust in the mercy of God for ever and
ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the
presence of the godly.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Hymn

Resignation



We strive with all our strength and soul, to do what life re - quires,
There is a road we see too well, its fea - tures fill our eyes;
The man - y things we hope to do, the whole-ness God be - stows,



and some-how while we're on the way, ful - fill our hearts' de - sires.
a quiet-er path not far a - way, we bare-ly re - cog - nize.
the cen - ter that u - nites the two, are clos-er than one knows.



And of-ten as the days speed on, too hard our small hearts beat.
And we must find our way on both, or life is in - com - plete.
There is in us a ho - ly ground, where prayer and la - bor meet.

Refrain:



Be still, my soul, the Spi-rit sighs, Go sit at Je-sus' feet.

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Offertory Hymn, #711 (1982 Hymnal), "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Communion Music Prelude on "The King of love my shepherd is"

Woodman

Final Hymn, #488 (1982 Hymnal), "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Voluntary Prelude on "Amazing Grace"

Woodman

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Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: July 17, 2022

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy" Sunday at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

Visioning Group (Fostering Imagination) meeting after service today. Our group's task is to plan and implement an outside experience for church members and/or others. Planning will take place today after worship and coffee.

Memorial Service for Eugene Newman, Saturday, July 23rd, 10 am. Please join us in celebrating the life of Gene Newman, longtime St. John's member and uncle to Carole Seacrest, this coming Saturday. Reception following.

Thank you to Gwen Kopka for helping lead music last week, jumping in at the last second! It's nice to know that working together as a community is more important than worrying about whether or not we do things perfectly!

Thanks to all who helped plan music yesterday. We gathered, talked, ate yummy food, and planned the music for the coming months. Many hands make light work and make tasks more fun!

Coming in August: Cape Ann Arts Alive! St. John's will once again be hosting the CAAA for children aged 6-13 on August 22-26, 2022. Please let children and parents know about this opportunity for singing, acting, and making art on the theme of Gloucester's history. Scholarships available. Contact capeannartsalive@gmail.com for more information.

Regal Rummage and Thrift Stop: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to 2. Volunteers welcome. Your gently used but no longer needed clothes, household items, craft supplies and furniture can find a new home by donation!

Write your petitions for the Prayers of the People: When you pick up your bulletin, look for **the prayer sign-up sheet** and put in your prayer requests for the week. They will be read aloud during the Prayers of the People.

Action Lunches: There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please join us in this important ministry. You can make the lunches in your own home. For questions contact Carolyn at 978-314-1381 or carolynstewart314@gmail.com.

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Participating in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher
Lector
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Usher
Acolyte
Musicians
Altar Guild
Flower Guild

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church
The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Faith Berry
Naomi Astyk
Ian Bedford
Barbara Soreng
The Congregation, Eileen Hunt, Organist
Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown
Rosemary Sullivan

Action Shelter Sandwiches were provided by Gwen Kopka and Mary Jane Sawyer this weekend. Signup needed for August 27.

Please sign up for future dates including flower and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Jim and Mary Droган, the Baxter Family, Deneice, Rick Kopka, Len Berry, Ellen, Ginga Graves and Patrick DeMuller, Wayne Martin, Hope Newhouse, Jackson, Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, DeeDee Bedford, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Lynn Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.

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