

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost—August 14, 2022, 9 am

SUNDAY NEWS

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

Prelude: "Now Thank we All Our God"

G.P. Telemann

Opening Hymn #746 (WLP Green Hymnal), "God the sculptor"

**Collect: Come Holy Spirit, to all baptized in your name,
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.**

**Give us passion, give us fire; make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (NZPB)

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and
thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *stir up your strength and come to help us.**

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 **You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.**

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.**

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

**15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Hymn

St. Anne



When Je - sus tells his friends he comes to set the earth a - blaze,
When Je - sus tells his friends he comes to sev - er and es - trange,
When Je - sus tells his friends he comes that cri - sis might in - crease,



it must at least be wise to pause and ask what he would raze.
it must at least be wise to learn what he in - tends to change.
it must, it must be time to seek a wid - er, deep - er peace.

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Music: Melody att. William Croft (1678-1727) H82 680

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Offertory Hymn #819 (WLP Green Hymnal), "Guide my feet Lord"

Communion Music

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Telemann

Final Hymn #490 (1982 Hymnal), "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Postlude

"Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior"

J. Pachelbel

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Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: Aug. 14, 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

Update on the Search: Last Sunday, the wardens announced that the vestry's unanimous decision was to ask for a full-time priest-in-charge for St. John's. If you missed the meeting, feel free to ask the wardens or vestry members about it. Or read the summary that Karen Kasper gave, available through the fyi.

Thanks to all who planned and attended the Beach Picnic and Sunset Service for Peace! Wow! What a great event! What did you like? What could have been better? Want to do something like that again? Feedback is welcome! Talk to Doug Parsons, Patricia Anders, Claudette Chmura, Sarah Larsen, or Steve Jencks.

Regal Rummage Children's School Clothing: Starting Wednesday, August 17th special tables of Children's School Clothing will be on sale. Please let people know! If you can help, set up and changing of the stock will be on Monday, August 15, please reach out to Candy Connelly, cgconnelly@aol.com. We can always use more donations of Childrens clothing, shoes and outer wear for fall and winter.

Visioning Task Force Meeting Today after Worship: Gather in the Thompson Room after coffee hour. We will be reflecting on the beach picnic and worship.

Worship planning for fall! Would you like to learn about creating worship and help plan worship for fall?

- ✧ **Sunday, August 21st after coffee hour**, we will walk through the elements of worship (readings, prayers, music, flowers, art, movement) and come up with a theme or focus for fall worship
- ✧ **Saturday, August 27**, we will meet at 9 am to flesh out music and other ideas.
- ✧ ANYONE welcome and those involved in worship ministries ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED to attend one or both! Talk to Pastor Lise if you have questions or ideas.

Creation Retreat Rescheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 28. Save the date! Hosted at Eastern Point Retreat House in East Gloucester, from 9-4. Cost is \$60 and includes lunch.

Soon: Cape Ann Arts Alive St. John's will once again be hosting the CAAA for children aged 6-13 on August 22-26, 2022. 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!

Please Pray for the Search! We invite all members to engage in prayer for the search process. If you would like to be part of a dedicated praying team, please speak to Katharine Newhouse.

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Participating in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher

Lector

LEM

Acolyte

Usher

Musicians

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest

Doug Parsons

Claudette Chmura

Geoff Pope

Tom Chmura

The Congregation, Eileen Hunt, Organist

Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown

Gwen Kopka

Action Shelter Sandwiches were provided by Steve and Debby Jencks this weekend.

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: Debra Ketchopulos, Rita Peritore, Dawn Tesorero, Jim and Mary Drogan, 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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2024: Doug Parsons, Janet Knott, Melanie Murray-Brown

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