Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

Holy Eucharist • 10:15 a.m.

We welcome to St. Helena’s all newcomers and visitors today. If you are looking for a church home, please know St. Helena’s welcomes you. We offer excellent programs for people of all ages. Please fill out the yellow Visitor Information card in the pew rack so we may get in touch with you.

Nursery: Children ages kindergarten-5th grade are encouraged to worship with their families in the church. A nursery is available in Tyndale Hall for children ages 4 and under. An usher can direct you to Tyndale Hall.

Thank you for silencing your cell phone or electronic device.

If you are new to St. Helena’s, a newcomer’s service booklet for the 10:15 a.m. service is available in your pew rack.

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn

Rite One begins on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer.
The Word of God

Procession Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity ........................................... BCP, page 323

The Summary of the Law................................. BCP, page 324

Kyrie ............................................................... BCP, page 324

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated to hear the reading of God’s Word.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-22 Pew Bible, page 22

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn and remain standing through the reading of the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn 684

O for a closer walk with God

Caithness

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 1:43-51 Pew Bible, page 887

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon: “Stairway to Heaven” The Rev. Todd Simonis

Please see Sermon Outline on page 10.

The Nicene Creed ........................................................................................................ BCP, page 327

The Prayers of the People ............................................................................................ BCP, page 328

A Prayer for Veterans

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution ............................................................................. BCP, page 331

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah African American spiritual arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down.
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down.
Feel like shouting, “hallelujah!” since I laid my burden down.
I am climbing Jacob's ladder, since I laid my burden down.
Every round goes higher and higher, since I laid my burden down.

The Parish Choir

Please stand to sing the Doxology.
Doxology: Hymn 380, stanza 3

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.

Continuing with ...

Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II .......................................................... BCP, page 340

Sanctus ........................................................................... Hymnal 1982, S-114

The Lord’s Prayer ............................................................. BCP, page 336

Prayer of Humble Access ................................................... BCP, page 337

The Communion of the People

Please know that all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. You may either take Communion at the rail or choose to receive at one of the two standing stations at the front of the church. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Prayer teams are available during Communion.

During Communion

Congregation, please join in singing:

Agnus Dei .......................................................... Hymnal 1982, S-158

“As Jacob with Travel Was Weary One Day”  
(Hymn 453, Jacob’s Ladder)  
The St. Helena’s Choir of Boys and Girls
Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You’re my God.
And You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love’s sake became poor. Refrain.

And I’ll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
And I’ll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross. Refrain.

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises;
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Refrain:  Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
          Worship His holy name.
          Sing like never before, O my soul;
          I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning,
it’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. Refrain.

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Refrain.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore! Refrain.

I’ll worship Your holy name, Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r thru’out the universe displayed.
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. Refrain.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art. Refrain.

Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing............................................BCP, page 339

Procession Hymn 579
Almighty Father, strong to save
Melita

Dismissal

Postlude: Postlude on “Ye holy angels bright” Percy Whitlock

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Celebrating Life

**High altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pete Spragins.

**Flowers at the baptismal font** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and celebration of the birthday of Mary Hagy, given by her daughters.

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This Week’s Prayer List

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following: Charles Ackerman, Ed Adams, Teri Annis, Sally Babin, Robert Ballway, Lyons Barker, Kim Barnett, Heyward Bellamy, Mark Bellamy; Kurt, Taran, Oscar, Jack & Norah Beshers; Victoria Betz, Donald and Louise Blanchard, Lynn Boccia, Pam Brantley, Libby Brough, Donna Buck, Ginny Burnett, Carson Bush, Paul Calhoun, Randy and Dodie Cameron, Harvey and Tiney Carter, Andy Clapham, Clyde, LaVone Cording, Nancy Crowther, Bob and Mary Lou Cullen, Cathy Dinkins, Linda Dowling, Melissa DuMochell, Coleman Durnford, Lederle Eberhardt, Mary Ennis, Jim Enter, Virginia Foster, Owen Fuqua, Gaul family, Frank Giammona, Claiborne Gooch, Jim Gourd, Gabby Grabenbauer, Joyce Gray, Pam Hatchell, Terry Hatchell, Bishop Hathaway, Kathy Henry, Jude Hiley, Sue Hodges, Charlotte Hoerlein, Joe Hogland, Alison Holloran, Isabella, Curtis Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Elaine Jones, Emily Kerr, Ryland Walker Knight, Jean Lawton, Lynn and Peter, Kay McCormick, Loyce McDaniel, Beverly Melvin, Milledge Morris, Will Nailen, Larry Nilsson, Josie Paddock; Kristin, Brodie and Mason Parker; John Payne; Derek, Devin & Massimo Pitzer; Annie Pollak, Deborah Pollak, Janelle Proctor, Dennis Quirin, Keith Rice, Marian Rodenbach, Margaret Rodgers, Ric Schwank, Al Segars, Martha Shackelford, Mark Shaffer, Connie Smith, Linda Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, Kristopher Stepp, Amy Stone, Lois Strong, Jane Ten Eyck,
John Teter, Donna Tigg, Neil and Becky Trask, Bob Tremonte, Jani Ubelis, Susan Wagner, Meg Wallace, Mark Warter, Patricia Westbrook, Vola Whitcomb, Candace Williams and children, Anita Wright, and Payton Wyatt. **We also pray for the caregivers who care for those on our list.**

**Please pray for all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas:** Christopher Elder, Russell Harrison, Jason Hill, Reid Montgomery, Seth O’Bourke, Jimmy Orr, Rodney Parker, Joshua Cory Ruge, Sterling Sullivan, and Glenn Young Jr.

**Please pray for these expectant parents:** Caroline and Wilson Baker, Sara and Jason Cato, Sarah and Dominic Christofek, Erika and Brian Kay, Brittany and Gerald LaHay, Skyler and William Mace, Mary Loyal and Lash Springs, and Jenna and Milledge Webb.

**Please pray for our foreign and local missionaries supported by St. Helena’s:** Fr. John, Gorman, Jim and Susan, LeMarquand, Lacy, Marentes, McGregor, and Kim. (Updated 11/9/2017)

*Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to inform the clergy of hospitalizations. To place someone on the prayer list, please obtain their permission and either fill out the blue card in the pew rack or call the church office.*

*For pastoral care concerns for yourself or another parishioner, please contact our Pastoral Care Coordinator Claudia Carucci at (516) 606-3360.*
During his dream, a ladder was Jacob’s connection to:

- Heaven.

- the presence of the Lord.

- assurance.

- promise.

Jesus is our connection to those same four things.
Highlights from *The Weekly*

For more detailed information about the announcements below, please check *The Weekly* eNewsletter dated Nov. 10.

**Stewardship Pledge Cards Due.** Please return or complete an online pledge card as soon as you can. Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Questions? Contact Stellena Mumma, Director of Operations and Finance, smumma@sthelenas1712.org or 843-522-1712.

**Next Steps, 3:30 pm Today.** Are you new to St. Helena’s or have been here awhile and just want to get plugged in? This event is for you! Join us in the lobby for refreshments and an opportunity to meet our program directors and find out how you can get involved.

**Notification of Date Change.** The November Vestry Meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14.

**1 Corinthians Bible Study Recess.** No class this week or next (Nov. 15 and 22). Class resumes Wednesday, Nov. 29.

**Guest Organ Recitalist, Richard Gray, Friday, Nov. 17, Noon.** Richard is the grandson of parishioners Richard and Joyce Gray and is an organ scholar at St. George’s Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tenn. Recital is free and open to the public.

**38th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, Nov. 23, Noon-2 pm, Worship Service 11 am.** It’s time to begin our preparations for this year’s event. There are opportunities to provide food, help set up or clean up, and also serve our guests. Look for the display in the Breakfast Room and sign up today! Take-outs will again be available. To order, visit [www.StHelenas1712.org/events](http://www.StHelenas1712.org/events) and select Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Questions? Contact Roz Dixon at 843-812-8772 or rozddixon@gmail.com.

**2017 “LOVE Beaufort” Angel Tree, Nov. 26-Dec. 17.** Beginning Sunday, Nov. 26, look for the Angel Tree in the lobby of the Parish House. Select an ornament from the tree benefiting a local organization. Follow the instructions on the card, and return the gift in a gift bag with the tag attached.

**Advent Wreath-Making, Wednesday, Nov. 29.** At 7 pm, after our regular WASH programming, we will again offer an opportunity to come together to create family Advent wreaths. The first Sunday in Advent is Dec. 3. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the Savior.

**Beaufort Christmas Parade, 3 pm, Sunday, Dec. 3.** Let’s join together to watch the parade. We’ll gather at 1105 Bay Street (the lot in front of the Rectory). The lot will be open for FREE parking at 2 pm. Bring a chair or blanket. After the parade, we can continue the fellowship at the 5 pm Worship Service.
The Clergy of St. Helena’s

The Rev. Shay Gaillard ................................................................. Rector
The Rev. Todd Simonis ............................................................... Senior Associate
The Rev. Matt Rusch ................................................................. Associate for Discipleship
The Rev. Mark Warter ................................................................. Deacon
The Rev. Chad Lawrence ............................................................. Priest Associate
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway ...................................................... Bishop in Residence
The Rev. Chuck Pollak ................................................................. Chaplain for Prison Ministry

Participating with the Clergy

Ushers ................................................................. Sam McGowan, David Yates, Jody Henson
Pat Cookson, John Davis, Pete Palmer
Greeters ................................................................. Charles and April Rettig
Acolytes ................................................................. Katie Klatt, Harrison Quade
Caroline O’Neal, Elizabeth O’Neal
Lector ................................................................. Gibson O’Neal
LEMs ................. Barbara Hathaway, Jeff Rugg, Jim Wolbrink, Beverly Melvin
Music Minister ................................................................. John Stender, organist
Sound Technician ................................................................. Tom Hetherington
Altar Guild ................................................................. Ann McDuff, Claire Perrill, Susan Burgess
Melissa O’Steen, Ann Heyward, Sara Oakley
Altar Flower Guild ................................................................. Sharon Sanders, Sarah Dyson
Janet Matlock, Rosalind Dixon

Our Vision

St. Helena’s will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and worshipping communities in Beaufort and beyond, seeing the Kingdom come.

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