

St. John's Episcopal Church
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21
Morning Prayer: Rite II * September 26, 2021

Worship Leader: Becky Foster
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Opening Hymn: *This is the Day* Praise 73

Opening Sentence BCP 77
Confession of Sin BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter: BCP 80

Antiphon BCP 81

The Invitatory: *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down* Praise 180

Psalm 124 Insert

Glory to the Father BCP 84

The Lessons:

The First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Insert

The First Song of Isaiah (sung, seated) Hymn 679

The Second Lesson: James 5:13-20 Insert

Glorify thy Name Insert

The Third Lesson: Mark 9:38-50 Insert

Sermon: Becky Foster

The Apostles' Creed *all standing* BCP 96

The Prayers *stand or kneel*

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Suffrages A or B BCP 97/98

Collect of the Day: BCP 230

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.**

Collects and Prayers BCP 98

The Prayers of the People: Form I BCP 383

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

Prayers are found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer

Offertory Sentence BCP 376-7

Offertory: *'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus* LEVAS 108

Doxology

**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.**

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. **And of thine own have we given thee.** (1 Chr. 29:14)

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

Closing Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* LEVAS 221

The Blessing BCP 102

Concluding Sentence BCP 102

FYI

BCP: *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book).

Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book).

Praise: *Praise* (green spiral bound).

LEVAS: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (red & black).

Liturgical Note: Today is the feast of **Lancelot Andrewes**, Bishop, 1626.
Born in 1555, he was the favorite preacher of King James I. T. S. Eliot used

the opening of one of Andrewes' Epiphany sermons as the inspiration for his poem, The Journey of the Magi:

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a Journey, and such a long journey:
The way deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.

Andrewes was also one of the translators of the Authorized (King James) Version of the Bible. He died in 1626.

Please pray for: Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan; for Skip Adams, our Assisting Bishop; and for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Proper 21, Year B

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.

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.

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.

Mark 9:38-50

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.”