Celebration of New Ministry

The people of St. John's Episcopal Church
& The Reverend Vicki Ix

Holy Cross Day - September 14, 2018
“In community we work out our connectedness to God, to one another, and to ourselves. It is in community where we find out who we really are.”

Joan Chittister, OSB

“How good it is, how wonderful, wherever people live as one.”

Psalm 133:1 ICEL

“The Bible tells us stories we need and want to hear - stories to help us live, stories to help us die, and stories to help us believe we shall live again.”

Barbara Brown Taylor

“Live in awe of God, you saints: you will want for nothing.”

Psalm 34: 10 ICEL
Prelude

Prelude in C minor / C major by Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering of the Community

The people stand as they are able.

Lift high the cross

The Hymnal 1982 #473

Bishop      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People     Glory to God for ever and ever.

Bishop      There is one Body and one Spirit;

People     There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People     One God, Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

Bishop     God be with you.

People     And also with you

Bishop     Let us pray

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People     Amen.

The people are seated. The wardens stand near the Bishop.

Bishop     People of St. John's, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Vicar.

Wardens    We have chosen and called Vicki Ix to be our Vicar, and she has accepted.

Bishop     I commend your choice and affirm this call

Reading of the Letter of Institution

The people stand

Bishop     Are you, the people of St. John's, ready to continue in your ministry, with Vicki as your priest?

People     We are.

The Word of God

Member of the congregation presents the Holy Bible and says

Vicki, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God’s living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Vicar     Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.
The Lessons

The people sit.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago?
Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the Lord?
There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:
“To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Recited responsively by half verse.

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
   for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
   has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
   with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
   shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
   the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
   and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
   and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

The people stand as they are able.

The Hymnal 1982 #448

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death again; for us he
6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard M. Simpson

The people stand

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop

Vicki, people of St. John’s, in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God’s grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People

We will, with God’s help.
Bishop  The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A member of the congregation pours water into the font. The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Vicar  Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God’s holy catholic Church.

Bishop  Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People  I do.

Bishop  Do you believe in God the Father?

People  I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop  Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People  I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop  Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People  I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop  Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People  I will, with God’s help.

Bishop  Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People  I will, with God’s help.

Bishop  Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People  I will, with God’s help.

Bishop  Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People  I will, with God’s help.

Bishop  Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People  I will, with God’s help.

Bishop  May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.

People  Amen.

Sprinkling Rite  A baptismal hymn is sung. The congregation is sprinkled with the water.
Wade in the water

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,

Wade in the water, God's agony trouble the water.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
   2. See that band all dressed in red,
   3. Look over yonder, what do I see?
   4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,

1. The leader looks like the Israelite,
2. Looks like the band that Moses led,
3. The Holy Ghost a coming on me,
4. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,

D.C.

God's agony trouble the water.
The Prayers

The Book of Common Prayer, a symbol of the priority of prayer in the Christian life, is brought forward by a member of the congregation.

Vicki, with this Book of Common Prayer we offer our prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Vicar  Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ’s healing.

A Litany for the Mission of the Church

Reader: Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
People: Have mercy on us.
Reader: Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
People: Have mercy on us.

Reader: Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
People: Have mercy on us.

Reader: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
People: Have mercy on us.

Reader: From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,
People: Savior, deliver us.

Reader: From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
People: Savior, deliver us.

Reader: From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
People: Savior, deliver us.

Reader: From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
People: Savior, deliver us.

Reader: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.
People: Hear us, O Christ.
Reader: Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places. People: Hear us, O Christ.

Reader: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
People: Hear us, O Christ.

Collect
Bishop Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

A stole and flask of oil for healing are presented by members of the congregation.

Vicki, with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God’s forgiveness and love.

Vicar Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

The Peace

Vicar The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit.

The Bishop's Greeting

The Holy Communion

All are welcome at God’s table. Come, receive bread and wine in the name of Christ, or approach, with arms crossed, to receive a blessing.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and the wine. Addressing the Vicar, they say

Vicki, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Join us at God’s table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Vicar Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The vicar brings the elements to the table, and the Offertory continues as anthem is sung.
Anthem: The Madrigals

Christ for the world we sing

This evening’s collection will be added to the Vicar’s Discretionary Fund.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #130
full, 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.
Holy and gracious Father: 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.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Bishop As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

People 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.
Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Bishop  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn  Taste and see  
Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
3. Worship the Lord all you people.

1. His praise shall always be on my lips;
2. Together let us all praise His name.
3. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

1. my soul shall be called Taste and
The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bishop We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Vicki, I commend to your love and care the people of St. John's. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Vicar, colleague and friend, Vicki.
The Junior Warden presents the new Vicar with keys to the church.

Vicki, receive the keys to our beloved church and keep these doors open to all who seek God among us.

Vicar   Amen. All will be welcomed as Christ.

People   Amen.

The Bishop's Blessing

Sending Forth   Lord, you give the great commission   Wonder Love and Praise #780

1. Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
2. Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
3. Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.”
4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, for forgive.”
5. Lord, you bless with words as sur- ing: “I am with you to the end.”

Lest the church need...
glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
earth’s true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
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love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty."
closer in com - mun - i - ty. { With the Spir - it’s
to a just so - ci - e - ty.
hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.}

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.
Dismissal

Vicar Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dialog by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Reception

All are invited to join us in the garden for a reception and light buffet supper.

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We gratefully acknowledge the participants in this festive Eucharist.

Presider The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher

Canons to the Ordinary The Rev. Dr. Richard M. Simpson, The Rev. Pamela J. Mott

Organist Duane Nyman

The Madrigals Beth Sperry, Madeleine Roberts and Susan Todd

Crucifer Jack Burch

Chalice Bearers Susan Craft and Gary Partenheimer

Co-Wardens Susan Craft and Susan Todd

Readers Bruce Bennett, Tom Snow, Sara Jonsberg and John Ratté

Holy Bible The Rev. Michael Corrigan

Water Cindy Burch and Darlene Monds

Prayer Book The Rev. Thad Bennett

Stole Mary Snow

Holy Oil Jody Hall

Bread Herb Libby

Wine Jane Wagener

Keys Bill Scaife

Greeters Rose Clark, Jane Wagener, Herb Libby and Bill Scaife

We are grateful for everyone who helped prepare and participate in this celebration and in the reception to follow, including Cassandra Haffner, Alan and Shirley Lilly of Hilltown Tents, Gretchen at Baked, Nan Parati, Jude Madden and Carl Nelke.