



St. John's

Episcopal Church

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
with The Bishop's Visitation

Welcome to Our Guests

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.
You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been
baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive
Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across
their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.
Children's activity bags are available.*

CONFIRMATION & THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE *Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came* J. S. Bach
 ...the heavens were opened (Baptism Dance) Dan Locklair

THE OPENING HYMN 296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

THE WORD OF GOD

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Bishop continues

 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 and Father of all.**

The Bishop then says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 16:16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 97

Sung by the choir.

- ¹The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- ²Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- ³A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- ⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 215 *See the conqueror mounts in triumph*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Presenters I present these persons for confirmation:

Costa Cumuze, Tracy Fletcher, Adams Hill, Sihle Mzongwana,
Natalie Russell, Sam Snyder

I present this person to be received into this communion: Natalie Snyder

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 God 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 the bread, and in the prayers? **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? **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **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? **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

All stand to sing the Offertory verse as the offering is brought to the altar.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

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The people remain standing. The Bishop faces them and says

The Lord 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel.

Then the Bishop continues

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 Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

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. **AMEN.**

Bishop And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

People and Bishop

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Bishop presents the bread and wine to the congregation saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or the station on the floor.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as able.

Bishop Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people

THE CLOSING HYMN 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude to 'Te Deum' Marc-Antoine Charpentier

TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda S. Curry

The Rev. Duncan Johnston, DMin

The Rev. Mark E. Waldo, Jr.

The Rev. Mawande Mzongwana, Deacon

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Acolytes: Eloise Carlisle, John David Collier, Samuel Collier

Altar Guild: Josie Eskridge and Libby Beck

Lector and Intercessor: Rich Anderson, Debbie Schremser

Eucharistic Ministers: Callie Dietz, Mary Hughes, Maria Pacheco,
Mary-Nelms Parsons

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Rich Anderson, Mark Chappell,
Jon Dailey

Flower Guild: Betty Beale, Amy Marshall

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews, Stanley Marks

Videographer: Sam Collier

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Thomas Martin Tyson, Sr.,
Walter Bragg Tyson, John C. Tyson, III, Mae Martin Tyson,
Viginia Bragg Tyson, John C. Tyson, Jr., Eugenia Bragg Tyson,
Paul Wright Smith, Fred White Tyson, Alice Hollon Tyson,
Thomas Martin Tyson, Jr., Kent Jenkins

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Mac Gipson, Emily Crump Johannes,
Valinda Johnson, Leslie Little, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory,
Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason,
Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Johnny Smith, Scott Simmons,
Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse,
Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie,
Margaret Hixon, Stephanie Holmes, Gray Howard, Charles Lewis,
Henson Millsap, Karen Pacheco, Frieda Rodgers, Pam Slate,
Ron Skoneki, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas,
Katherine Weidner, Frank Winkler, Sharon Carney Wright

Pastoral Care Team for June: Elizabeth Via Brown, Betty Beale,
Arthur Mazyck, Marney Garzon, Cam Armstrong, Mary Martin Mitchell

*Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.
The prayer list will be updated monthly, please notify us if names need to remain longer.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Ages Worship Service

Join us this summer (May 11-Aug. 31) for a short, lively service for all ages. We'll sing, pray, have Communion together, and enjoy an interactive message from 9:30—10 a.m. in the third floor of the education building.

Heavenly Hosts Covered Dish Supper

Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, June 10 from 6-8 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Bob and Florence Young. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

Bach's Lunch Summer Concert Series Starts June 4

Wednesdays this summer from 12:05-12:30 p.m., June 4-25 and July 9-30. Join us for a short concert and then enjoy lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall. You may order a box lunch from the church website or bring your own brown bag lunch. A limited number of lunches will be available, so please pre-order by Monday at 2 p.m. See the Concerts tab on the St. John's website for more details.

Summer Adult Formation Class

Starting May 11, join us for a new class: 'Digging Deeper - going beyond the sermon.' This is a chance to explore the depths of the Sunday Bible lessons. Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Library Jon and Kat Dailey will host studies that will go deeper than a 15-minute sermon can. The atmosphere will be informal, accessible, and collegial. Please come and learn and share.

DoK New Member Classes

Daughters of the King (DOK) is a community of women whose vision is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love. Prospective new members participate in a period of study consisting of six classes held this summer. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Ashley Hamlett at ashleyhamlett331@gmail.com or (334)467-2560.

VBS Coming Soon

This year's Vacation Bible School will explore Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace June 2-5 from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Church of the Ascension.



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The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

The Right Reverend Glenda S. Curry, PhD, *Bishop of Alabama*

The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*

The Reverend Duncan H. Johnston, DMin, *Rector*

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The Reverend Hleziphi Mawande Mzongwana, *Deacon*

Joel Gregory, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Sarah Collier, *Director of Children's Christian Formation*

Emily Howard, *Director of Communications*

Constance Rodgers, *Assistant to the Rector*

Myron Smoke, *Maintenance Superintendent*

Vestry and Officers

Keith Miller, *Senior Warden*

Chuck Ocheltree, *Junior Warden*

Richard Bradford, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025: Melissa Carter, Mark Chappell, Anne Hamner,
Keith Miller, Allison Prillaman

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Chuck Ocheltree, Ashley Roseboro, Cole Wise

Class of 2027: Richard Anderson, Jon Dailey, Bill Johnson,
Jim Marshall III, Florence Tyson, Karen Westhauser

Welcome to Our Visitors!

We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with some information about you and your family so that we can better serve you. Visitor Welcome Bags are available in the narthex.

