



St. John's

Episcopal Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 in the back of the church.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE *Andante (Trio in d minor)*
O All Ye Works of God, Now Come

Felix Mendelssohn
Healey Willan

THE OPENING HYMN 428 *O all ye works of God, now come*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

All stand.

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: HOSEA 11:1-11

A Reading from Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

Said responsively.

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

²Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

³He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

⁵They were hungry and thirsty; *
 their spirits languished within them.
⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.
⁷He put their feet on a straight path *
 to go to a city where they might dwell.
⁸Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
 and the wonders he does for his children.
⁹For he satisfies the thirsty *
 and fills the hungry with good things.
⁴³Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
 and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

Remain standing.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I

will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

The Celebrant and People say together

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

All kneel as able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda and Brian our Bishops, Duncan and Mark our priests, Mawande our deacon, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

All stand to sing the offertory verse when the offertory is brought up to the altar.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

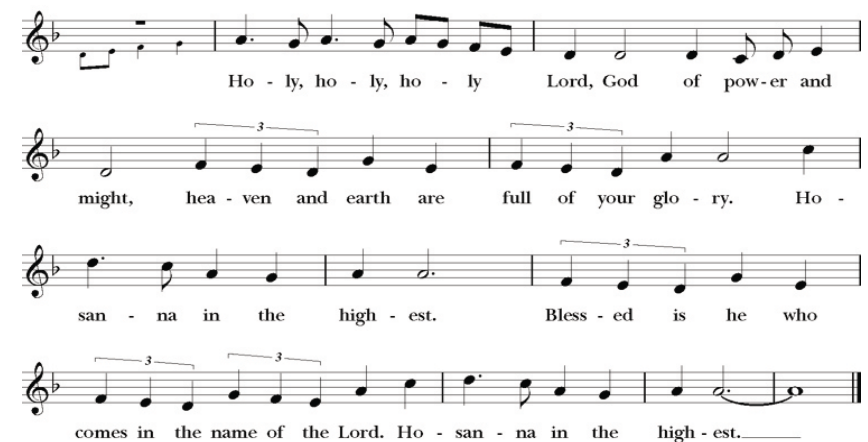
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



All kneel as able.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts 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.

The priest receives the Sacrament, and then serves the people with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

Communicants may receive the wine by intinction or by drinking directly from the cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Go now as those raised with Christ,

wondering at God's great love

and telling the story of your salvation.

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed

and set your minds on the ways of heaven.

And may God reach out to you and nourish you;

May Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator;

And may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THE DISMISSAL

When the clergy have moved to the front door of the church, the Deacon then sings

The musical score is written for two parts: Deacon and People. The Deacon's part is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B-flat, and a half note C. The lyrics "Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia," are written below the staff. The People's part is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B-flat, and a half note C. The lyrics "al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff. The People's part continues with a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B-flat, and a half note C. The lyrics "Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff.

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

Johann Ludwig Krebs

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TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*

The Reverend H. Mawande Mzongwana, *Associate Rector*

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Acolytes: Thomas Lawlor, Adams Hill

Altar Guild: Libby Beck

Lector and Intercessor: Debbie Schremser, Florence Tyson

Eucharistic Ministers: Virginia Banister, Callie Dietz

Ushers/Greeters: Radney Ramsey, Elizabeth Lawlor, Jim Marshall, Allison Prillaman

Flower Guild: J.R. Marshall, Camille Cumuze

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

Videographer: Sam Collier

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *basoon*;

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Adanne "Candy" Cain Golden

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Jim Power, Shirley Price, Scott Simmons, Tade Smilie, Johnny Smith, Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends:

Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes, Janet Hutto, Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Karen Pacheco, Pam Slate, Ron Skoneki, Madera Spenser, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner, Frank Winkler, Sharon Carney Wright

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.

Pastoral Care Team for July: Linda Hutchinson, Jean Smyth, Elaine Galt, Mary Anne Durr, Renee Carlisle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honduras Mission is Underway!

Please pray for our Honduras Mission Team as they begin their travels this week. There are six team members arriving in Honduras on July 23 to begin the preparations needed for a week of clinics with 13 more team members flying in on July 26. The first clinic will be July 27 and there will be five other clinics in various communities during the week. The St. John's team will be joined by thirty to forty Honduran team members who will work alongside them.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 10

Blessing of the Backpacks is scheduled for Sunday, August 10. All children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the All Age Service OR 10:30 am service, and they will receive a special blessing and blessing tag for the new school year.

Heavenly Hosts Covered Dish Supper

Adults covered dish supper August 12 at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Jim and Seibels Marshall. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

All Ages Worship Service

Join us this summer (through 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.

St. John's to Host Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage

You're invited to join Episcopal Divinity School for Walk With Me, a vigil in observance of the 60th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jonathan Daniels. This vigil takes place on August 8 at 7 p.m. in the St. John's Parish Hall.

Visitors: Welcome! We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with information about you and your family so that we can better serve you.

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