



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025, 10:30 A.M.
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE	<i>Allegro (Trio Sonata in E-flat)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	<i>Aria</i>	Craig Phillips

THE OPENING HYMN 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355) *All stand.*

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah
sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and
to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom
Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.
Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles
whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build
houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.
Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your
sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons
and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the
welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to
the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-11

Sung by the choir.

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

²Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

³All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

⁴Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

⁵He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

⁶In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water, *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

THE EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of
David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the
point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not
chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so
that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with
eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will
also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we
deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains
faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they
are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only
ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to
God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be
ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel as able.

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, and for those who serve in our local hospitals, care facilities, schools, colleges, and correctional facilities; for those who serve in law enforcement and in the legal system; and for members of the military and those serving overseas, especially Ben and Eric.
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for our President Donald, our Governor Kay, and our Mayor Steven; for members of our state legislature, and our national representatives and senators, that there may be respectful and wise governance for the welfare of our nation and of the world; and for victims of violence and conflict, especially in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East.

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

For the just and proper use of your creation, and an awareness and sense of gratitude for the beauty of the world around us;

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; for Stewart our seminarian, and for 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, especially those for whom the altar flowers have been given: .

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, (BCP p. 361)

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Celebrant 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,

Celebrant and 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,
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.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

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.

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 AGNUS DEI

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.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

All kneel as able.

Celebrant 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

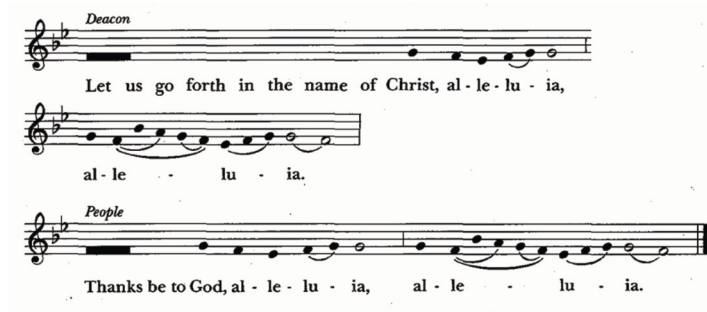
Celebrant Go now, and live fruitfully where God has placed you.
Pray and strive for the welfare of those you live among,
and do your best to present yourselves to God
as faithful workers with no need to be ashamed.

And may God open the pathways before you;
May Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole;
And may the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive
and your feet from stumbling. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 565 *He who would valiant be* *All stand.*

THE DISMISSAL

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



THE POSTLUDE *Flourish in Five* Rob Danter

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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

Director of Youth Ministries: J.R. Marshall

Acolytes: Adams Hill, William Russell, Sam Snyder, Ethan Tapia

Altar Guild: Chuck Moore

Lector and Intercessor: Tracey Campbell, Sarah Spratling

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hughes, Dudley Perry

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Anne Hamner, Elizabeth Lawlor, Allison Prillaman

Flower Guild: Sarah Spratling

Flower Delivery Team: Maria Pacheco, Anne & Reggie Hamner, Allison Prillaman

Videographer: Scott Mitchell

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; Bob Hoit, *clarinet*; David Simpson, *bassoon*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: William Adams Gunter, Jr., Julia Scott Gunter, William Adams Gunter III, Annie Laurie Cain Gunter, Avis Brannon Gunter, Rose Gunter Lawson, Thomas Seay Lawson, Sarah Clayton Lawson, Thomas Seay Lawson, Jr., Jule Lawson Lanier, Virginia Gunter Haas Orvis, Henry Paul Haas, Dora Pratt Smith Haas, Julia Fairlie Gunter Evans, Ethelbert Henry Evans, Florence Evans Jordan, Ellen Gunter Rogers, Ellen Rogers Trotman, John McNeill Trotman, Anne Mercer Haynes, Oliver Lynn Haynes, Jr., Grace Gunter Lane, Elizabeth Gunter Downey, Bruce Johnson Downey, Jr.

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Youth Happening event in November, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Bill Marks, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Hawthorne Ramsey, Caroline Serrato, Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Willie "Bill" Carden, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes, Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Margaret Moore, 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 October: Murray Bennett, Carrie Shaw, Margaret Peebles, Caroline Lawson, Doris Ball

St. John's Featured in Stained Glass Book

St. John's is honored to be represented in "Alabama Hope," a new book from Birmingham photographer David Graves. The books will be available in the St. John's Bookstore starting next week, and the author will be signing copies for attendees of the ECW Conference Oct. 17.

Fall Speaker Series: AI & the Church

Join us Wednesday nights in October as we examine what effects Artificial Intelligence has on our faith and daily lives. St. John's welcomes Dr. Jim Locke, Executive Director of AI Research and Education at Troy University Montgomery. Dinner at 6, teaching & discussion at 6:30.

Heavenly Hosts

Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, October 14. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Helen Wells, 2332 Rosemont Circle, 36106. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

Calling All Crafters

The St. John's Arts and Crafts group is looking for handmade, unique items to be sold at this year's Bazaar. Whether you're into painting, woodworking, sewing, needlepoint, or ceramics, we'd love for you to share your talents with us. Contact Murray Bennett at 334-430-8660 for more details.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The Bazaar will be here before you know it and Silent Auction needs your help. Please consider donating items that will encourage competitive bidding. Paintings, signed prints, decorative arts, home accessories and jewelry are just a few examples of items that sell well (no furniture, please). Donations can be brought to the church educational building. Please mark the items as "Silent Auction." Contact Jean Smyth, je@smyth3.com with any questions.

Rector's Forum: "Scrolling Ourselves to Death"

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. How is constant connectivity shaping our souls? Join us for the Rector's Forum exploring the impact of technology, social media, and digital distraction on our spiritual lives.

ECW Conference Coming Soon

The Diocese of Alabama ECW Fall Conference, October 17 - 18, will be hosted by our Montgomery Convocation, with the Friday afternoon portion held at St. John's. Registration is now open. We would love for our St. John's ECW to have a strong presence at this event, and there are also opportunities to volunteer and help with our parish's involvement. Please contact Kathleen Bradford at kbradbrad@aol.com for more information and to contribute. Learn more at stjohnsmontgomery.org/events/ecw-fall-conference.

Grief Support Group for the Holidays

St. John's will be offering a nationally recognized grief support program called Grief Share this fall and winter—one before Thanksgiving and one before Christmas. We hope that this will be a safe and welcoming space to pray, reflect, and learn coping skills for managing grief, all in the care and support of others who may be going through the same. Registration is to follow in the newsletter next week. Please get in touch with the Rev. H. Mawande Mzongwana if you have any questions.

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. JOHN'S

Breeze System Gives Access to Directory, Calendar, & Giving

St. John's has recently implemented a new system called Breeze for its giving, directory, calendar, website, and app. Parishioners received an invite via email to create an account. Information guides are printed and available in the church office or on the St. John's website. Please call the church office or email emily@stjohnsmontgomery.org for assistance. *Please note: Breeze is recommended for parishioners, but not required. Printed directories are available upon request.*

St. John's e-Newsletter

The St. John's e-newsletter goes out every Tuesday at 6 p.m. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please email emily@stjohnsmongomery.org to get added to the mailing list.



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you are a part of the St. John's family.

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