



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026, 10:30 A.M.  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

---

THE PRELUDE *Dialogue & Trio de flutes (Suite on the Magnificat)* Jean-Adam Guilain  
*Partita on 'In Babilone'* Michael Burkhardt

THE OPENING HYMN 214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

---

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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, hea-ven - 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 pray-er. 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.

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 FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:6-14

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- <sup>2</sup>Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!
- <sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- <sup>6</sup>God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup>The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- <sup>9</sup>You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- <sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- <sup>33</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- <sup>34</sup>He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- <sup>35</sup>Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- <sup>36</sup>How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## A Reading from First Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 215 *See the conqueror mounts in triumph*THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have

believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Reader* 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 IV

*All kneel as able.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, \_\_\_\_\_, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, \_\_\_ that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Priest and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

*All sit.*

*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.*

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*

John Rutter

*All stand to sing the Offertory verse when 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 people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he was destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he was won for us everlasting life. 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:

#### THE SANCTUS

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.

*Then the Celebrant 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:

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

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

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.*

*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

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

Go now, steadfast in your faith.

Resist the evil one,

devote yourselves to prayer,

and bear witness to Christ as he makes us one.

And may the God of all grace restore and strengthen you;

May Christ Jesus make the divine love known to you;

And may the Holy Spirit rest upon you

and give you power until all is fulfilled. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Minister* 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

Copyright 2026. Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission.

## TODAY'S SERVERS

**Clergy:** The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin, *Rector*

The Rev. Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

**Director of Children's Formation:** Sarah Collier

**Director of Youth Ministry:** J.R. Marshall

**Organist:** Joel Gregory

**Acolytes:** Samuel Collier, John Morgan Longshore, Lawton McCollum, Margie Anne Prescott

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Schremser, Chuck Moore

**Lector and Intercessor:** Ashley Hamlett, Natalie Snyder

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virginia Banister, Mark Chappell, Morgan Chappell

**Ushers/Greeters:** Libby Beck, Sommerville Hill, Karen Westhauser, Cole Wise

**Flower Guild:** Carroll Nason, Bette Smith

**Flower Delivery Team:** Melissa Carter, Allison Prillaman, Linda Hutchinson

**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

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

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Grover Keyton, Lucille Bush Keyton,

Dr. Charles Lewis Marks, Priscilla Scott Marks, Henry Churchill Marks, Frances (Kitty)

Keyton Marks, Mary Emily Keyton, Eloise Virgin, William Virgin, Jennie Wadsworth

Virgin, Ira Virgin, LeGrand Stakely, Davis Stakely, Libby Stakely, John H. Nichols, Eloise

Nichols

**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:** Laura Brendle, Rick

Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson,

Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Dot Moore, Martha

Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Carrie Shaw,

Debbie Steindorff, Bill Stewart, Barbara Wallace, Florence Young

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Phil Butler,

Courtney Cobb, Lizzy Dickens, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Mark Grantham, Roger

Holliday, Stephanie Holmes, Josie Lee, Martha Ellen Locke, Charles Lewis, Nicole Lusk,

Margaret Moore, Pat Patterson, Serge Ruffato, Ron Skoneki, Alice Smith, Johnny Smith,

Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner, Michael White,

Frank Winkler, Ross Wisnewski, Sharon Carney Wright

**Pastoral Care Team for May: Pastoral Care Team for May:** Florence Young, Jeanne

Drummond, Marla Foster, Cam Hughes, Mitzi Waldo

*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.*

### **Ladies' Lunch Bible Study**

Join our new Ladies Bible Study at St. John's beginning May 5. We will meet Tuesdays from 12–1 in the Parish Hall, exploring the Gospel of Mark together in fellowship, conversation, and faith. All are welcome. Contact Libby at libfitz1@gmail.com for more information.

### **All Ages Worship Service is Back**

This summer at St. John's, we invite you to gather for a joyful, all-ages worship service beginning May 10 at 9:30 a.m. Designed especially for the rhythm of summer, this shorter, lively service offers a welcoming space for children, youth, and adults alike. Together we'll share in music, prayer, Holy Communion, and an interactive message that engages hearts and minds of every age. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the season, come experience a warm, meaningful way to worship as a community.

### **Memorial Day 2026 "For Whom the Bell Tolls" Event**

Please join us at 11:45 a.m. on Memorial Day (May 25, 2026), at the bell tower for St. John's annual For Whom the Bell Tolls, a service healing and remembrance. We will gather at the bell tower and ring the bell for each fallen service member whose name has been submitted. If you have already provided names, you do not need to resubmit them. If you have a new name, please submit the full name, highest rank achieved and the associated conflict to emily@stjohnsmontgomery.org no later than May 18. The service member need not have died in combat or even while on active service. All who served and died are eligible to be on this list. A lunch of barbecue and catfish sandwiches will be offered in the parish hall afterwards. Please let Emily know no later than May 18, 2026 if you plan to attend at emily@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

### **Organ Concert May 31**

St John's is proud to host an Organ Concert May 31 at 4 p.m. by Los Angeles organist Aaron Shows. Please see the concert page at [www.stjohnsmontgomery.org](http://www.stjohnsmontgomery.org) for the program, links to his YouTube channel, and more about the program and this exciting artist.

### **VBS Is on the Horizon...**

Step back in time this summer at St. John's for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience! From June 1–4, children are invited to journey to ancient Rome for "ROME: Paul and the Underground Church," a vibrant marketplace-style VBS. You can register using the QR code to the right:

The Right Rev. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*  
The Rev. Richard Lawson, *Bishop-elect*

### ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

---

The Rev. Duncan H. Johnston, DMin, *Rector*  
The Rev. Mark E. Waldo, Jr. *Associate Rector*  
Joel Gregory, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Sarah Collier, *Director of Children's Christian Formation*  
J.R. Marshall, *Director of Youth Ministries*  
Emily Howard, *Director of Communications*  
Constance Rodgers, *Assistant to the Rector*  
Myron Smoke, *Maintenance Superintendent*

### VESTRY AND OFFICERS

---

Bill Eskridge, *Senior Warden*  
Florence Tyson, *Junior Warden*  
Richard Bradford, *Treasurer*

Class of 2026: Elizabeth Lawlor, Liam McMullan, Mary Martin Mitchell, Ashley Roseboro, Cole Wise

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

Class of 2028: Libby Beck, Tracey Campbell, Sommerville Hill, Ken Kline, Mary-Nelms Parsons, Nick Prillaman

VBS Registration



*St. John's is a beacon in the  
heart of Montgomery,  
welcoming all into  
Christ's transforming love.*



## We're glad you are at St. John's today.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or attending regularly,  
you are a part of the St. John's family.

---

### Visitor Card



Visitors, please use this QR code to provide us with some  
information about you and your family so that we can  
better serve you.

---

Visit our website to see service times,  
news from the parish, upcoming events,  
mission opportunities and more.

[stjohnsmontgomery.org](http://stjohnsmontgomery.org)



---

### Online Giving



If you wish to make a gift to St. John's,  
our online giving portal makes it easier than ever.  
Your generosity supports our ministries  
in Montgomery and beyond.

113 MADISON AVENUE  
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104  
334-262-1937  
STJOHNSMONTGOMERY.ORG  
CHURCHOFFICE@STJOHNSMONTGOMERY.ORG