



THE GLORIA (S280)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 19:2-8A

*All sit.*

A Reading from Exodus.

When the people of Israel had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness: Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 100

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

<sup>2</sup>Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>3</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
⁴For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 5:1-8

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing* *All stand.*

*During the Sequence Hymn, children ages 12 and under are invited to leave for children's chapel. They will be escorted out the door at the front right of the nave.*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*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 *I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness* Antonin Dvorak

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises  
upon a ten-string psalter. Ev'ry day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name,  
I will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy.  
Who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall His pow'r declare? My song shall be of praise and  
honor, and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.  
Yeah, men shall tell of thy great kindness  
and of thy wond'rous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.

*If you wish to give online, please use the QR code on the back page of the bulletin.*

*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.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

*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, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



*The people stand or kneel. 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.**

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#### 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.

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#### 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.*

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

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#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*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.**

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#### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

Go now, and live by faith in the Son of God.

Pray for God's justice,

Never welcome evil,

pour out your love freely.

And may God hear your cries for help;

May Christ Jesus stand with you in the face of hostility;

And may the Holy Spirit fill you with faith and life. **Amen.**

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#### THE CLOSING HYMN 344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

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#### THE DISMISSAL

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

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

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#### THE POSTLUDE

*Minuet (Suite Gothique)* Leon Boellmann

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**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:** Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Mary Hughes, Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson, Phillip Kinney, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Dot Moore, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Carrie Shaw, Debbie Steindorff, Bill Stewart, Barbara Wallace, Florence Young

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**Pastoral Care Team for May: 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.*

### **Farewell Reception for Sarah**

Come join us as we celebrate the ministry of Sarah Collier and the wonderful legacy she is leaving to the children of St. John's. Today after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

### **Sunday School Class for June: Holy Ordinary Life**

What if the holy life is not found somewhere far away, but right in the middle of our ordinary days? Join us for a three-week Sunday class exploring rest, attention, and hope through scripture and conversation. Together we'll reflect on Sabbath beyond rules, finding God in everyday moments, and practicing hope even in difficult times. All are welcome. June 7, 14, & 21 at 9:15 a.m. in the Library.

### **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**

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.

### **Bach's Lunch Organ Concerts**

St John's is jointly hosting Bach's Lunch organ concerts with First United Methodist, Trinity Presbyterian, & Church of the Ascension. The concerts will be at noon Wednesdays in June and July with a light lunch following. Take this opportunity to hear music on different pipe organs and enjoy the playing of our fine Montgomery organists. Please visit [www.agomontgomery.org](http://www.agomontgomery.org) for information, times and locations throughout the summer. Concerts are sponsored by the Montgomery Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

### **Internationally Acclaimed Harpist Joost Willemze in Concert**

Join us Friday, July 17, at 7 p.m. at St. John's for an extraordinary evening of music featuring award-winning Dutch harpist Joost Willemze, one of the leading harpists of his generation. A recipient of the prestigious Dutch Classical Talent Award, he is celebrated for bringing fresh energy and versatility to the harp through both beloved repertoire and contemporary works. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

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