



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026, 10:30 A.M.
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE

'Silence may be kept' (Rubrics)
Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Dan Locklair
Sam Batt Owens

THE OPENING HYMN 542 *Christ is the world's true Light*

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 (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 - 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 44:6-8

All sit.

A Reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17

Sung by the choir.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and I will walk in your truth; *

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
 and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
 and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
 they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 653 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

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 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

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.**

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.

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 VOLUNTARY

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.**

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 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.

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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people

Go now, and proclaim that the reign of God is near.

Travel lightly, but bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Work for the good of all,

avoid temptation,

and pray that God will send more labourers into the harvest.

And may God give you mercy and peace;

May Christ Jesus give you power over all that would harm you;

And may the Holy Spirit produce within you

a rich harvest of joy and life. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 541 *Come, labor on*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Healey Willan

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TODAY'S SERVERS

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

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Richard Henry Arrington, Pauline White Arrington, Richard Henry Arrington, Jr., Mary Black Arrington, McMillian Lane, Jean Bellingrath Lane

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, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Eddie Pattillo, 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, Charles Lewis, Nicole Lusk, Margaret Moore, Pat Patterson, Ron Skoneki, Alice Smith, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Michael White, Frank Winkler, Ross Wisnewski, Sharon Carney Wright

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

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

Prayers for the Honduras Mission Team

This week, members of St. John's will travel to Tela, Honduras, to serve alongside our ministry partners through a week of community medical clinics. This mission is rooted in partnership and mutual ministry as we work together to share Christ's love through compassionate care, listening, and relationship.

As the team prepares to travel, we invite the entire parish to keep them in your prayers. Pray for safe travel, good health, wisdom, and strength for each team member. Pray for the patients and families they will meet, for meaningful connections across cultures and languages, and for God's presence to be evident in every conversation, every act of care, and every shared meal.

Parish Retreat November 13-15

Mark your calendar for a Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell November 13–15 as we step away from the busyness of daily life for a weekend of fellowship, worship, reflection, and renewal. Nestled in the beauty of God's creation, Camp McDowell offers the perfect setting to deepen relationships within our parish family and grow in faith together. Signup links coming soon.

Sunday Class for August: How God Changes Your Brain

Join us this August for a thought-provoking Sunday morning class exploring *How God Changes Your Brain* by neuroscientist Andrew Newberg. Blending cutting-edge brain research with spiritual practice, Newberg examines how prayer, meditation, compassion, and faith can physically reshape the brain and deepen our relationships with God and one another.

Together, we'll discuss the fascinating connections between neuroscience and spirituality, exploring how ancient practices of faith can foster greater peace, empathy, resilience, and well-being. Sundays in August, 9:15 a.m. in the Library.

Young Adults Gathering July 23

Young adults are invited to gather for an evening of fellowship and good food on Wednesday, July 23, at 6 p.m. at the home of Emily and Jess Howard. Bring a favorite dish and beverage to share as we enjoy conversation, community, and a relaxed summer evening together. For more information or directions, please contact the church office.

All Ages Worship Service

This summer at St. John's, we invite you to gather for a joyful, all-ages worship service Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the upstairs Children's Chapel. 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.

Cursillo Ultreya Gathering August 10

In the Cursillo community, an Ultreya is a large, regional gathering where members meet to socialize, pray, and share their spiritual and evangelistic life experiences. It acts as a way to support one another and keep the spirit of their Cursillo retreat alive.

All are invited to join the St. John's Cursillo Community for an evening of fellowship, music, and encouragement at our next Ultreya on Monday, August 10, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Wells, 2332 Rosemont Circle.

Whether you have attended Cursillo before or are simply curious about the movement, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, share a meal, and grow in faith together. Music will be provided. Please bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share.

If you are interested in attending a future Cursillo weekend or would like to learn more, contact Ashley Hamlett at ashleyhamlett331@gmail.com or (334) 467-2560, or Carrie Shaw at cgshaw2014@gmail.com or (662) 425-2010.

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