



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026, 10:30 A.M.
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Andante in F
Land of Rest

Felix Mendelssohn
Sam Batt Owens

THE OPENING HYMN 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

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.

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 FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 55:1-5

A Reading from Isaiah.

1Thus says the Lord, "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-9, 15-22

Sung by the choir.

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹The Lord is loving to everyone *
 and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁵The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
 he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
 and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand *

and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
¹⁹The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
²¹The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 9:1-5

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 679 *Surely it is God who saves me* *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 14:13-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is

a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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.
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.

*Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth. Come with the calm that bailed thy Prince's birth.
 Come with the healing of thy gentle touch, come, peace of God, that this world needs so much.
 Break every weapon, forged in fires of hate, turn back the foe that would assail thy gate.
 Clearfields of strife, lie desolate and bare take my sweet flowers of peace and plant them there.
 Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss into the radiance of the saviors cross,
 wherein that gift so precious yet so lone life finds its brotherhood and love its throne.
 Calm, blessed peace as when in hush of eve God's benediction falls on souls who grieve;
 as shines a star, when weary day parts, come piece of God and rule within our hearts.*

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. After the administration of Communion, the following prayer is said together.

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 into the world, strengthened by the gifts
with which Christ has fed you.

Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.

Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's love be with you everywhere;

May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;

And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you
and fill you with God's presence. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 533 *How wondrous and great*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

Johann Ludwig Krebs

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

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

Organist: Joel Gregory

Acolytes: Adams Hill, Parker Mantooth, William Russell

Lector and Intercessor: Ken Kline, Debbie Schremser

Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Cannon, Fairley McDonald, Maria Pacheco

Ushers/Greeters: Florence Tyson, Jon Dailey, Jim Marshall, Mary Martin Mitchell

Flower Guild: Jean Smyth, Natalie Russell

Flower Delivery Team: George Mathews, Stanley Marks

Videographer: Emily & Caleb Howard

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Candy Golden

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Emily Crump Johannes, Valinda Johnson, Phillip Kinney, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, 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, Frank Winkler, Ross Wisnewski, Sharon Carney Wright

Pastoral Care Team for August: Libby Beck, Seibels Marshall, Emily Wise, Fairlie Herron, Jennifer Thompson

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.

News & Coming Events

• Temporary Scaffolding in the Nave

From July 27 through August 3, you will notice scaffolding in the nave as workers complete needed repairs to the front wall of the church. While the scaffolding may look a bit out of place, this important maintenance will help preserve our beautiful worship space for years to come. All worship services and scheduled activities will continue as planned.

• Blessing of the Backpacks August 9

We invite children of all ages to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, Aug. 9 to the 10:30 service. Each student will receive a special blessing tag & prayer for the new school year.

• Cursillo Ultreya Gathering August 10

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. Please bring your own beverages 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.

• Heavenly Hosts August 11

Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, August 11, from 6-8 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Tracy and Laura Klinestiver. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

• Welcome Bishop Lawson to St. John's August 23

We are honored to welcome The Right Reverend Richard T. Lawson, III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, to St. John's on Sunday, August 23.

Bishop Lawson will gather with the parish for a conversation in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our new bishop, hear about his vision for the Diocese, and share in the life of our wider Episcopal community.

He will also celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, during which we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. We hope you'll join us for this special day as we welcome Bishop Lawson and celebrate those affirming their faith.

****Please note:** there will be no All Ages Service or Adult Formation Class on this day.

- **Parish Retreat November 13-15**

Join us 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. Mark your calendar and plan to be part of this special time of rest, community, and spiritual refreshment. Signup links coming soon.

Missions & Outreach Opportunities

- **Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed**

St. John's is looking for additional volunteers to deliver our Meals on Wheels route on the first and fifth Monday of each month. For many of our neighbors, these deliveries provide more than a nutritious meal—they offer a friendly face, a brief conversation, and the reminder that someone cares. It is a simple act of kindness that makes a lasting difference.

If you would like to learn more or volunteer for this rewarding ministry, please contact the church office.

- **NEED: Food and Supplies for Blessing Bags**

We are in need of more food to pass out to our friends in Downtown Montgomery! We are collecting supplies for Blessing Bags for our friends in need. Needs include: non-perishable foods like granola bars, trail mix, & tuna/cracker packs, ChapStick, Ensure or protein drinks, small bottled waters, and gallon ziplock bags. Please bring supplies to the education building and place on the round table provided. It's easier than ever to help! Visit the St. John's website for an Amazon Wishlist.

- **The St. John's Backpack Ministry** is in need of khaki pants of all sizes for the start of the school year...no cargo pants please. Bring all donations to the Education Building.

- **Donations now being accepted for the Annual Bazaar**

Have you been busy cleaning out your house trying to beat this summer heat? The Bazaar is taking donations of gently used household items, collectibles, holiday decor, artwork and more. Your donations may be dropped off under the stairs by the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Carter at melcart82@gmail.com. Mark your calendars for the St. John's Annual Bazaar, Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

Worship & Christian Formation

- **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.

- **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.

- **Spiritual Practices Lab: Sacred Rhythms for Everyday Life**

What if prayer, scripture, and reflection could become less like obligations and more like life-giving rhythms? Join us for a seven-week online Spiritual Practices Lab on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. online. We will explore simple, time-tested practices that help us become more attentive to God's presence in our daily lives. Together, we'll explore practices such as the Examen, Lectio Divina, centering prayer, gratitude, praying the Psalms, developing a personal rule of life, and spiritual journaling. For more information or to register, email emily@stjohnsmontgomery.org.



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