



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026, 10:30 A.M.
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

PRELUDE *Basse de Trompette & Trio des flutes (Suite on the Magnificat)* J. Guilain
Prelude & Fughetta on 'All Glory Be to God on High' Johann Ludwig Krebs

THE OPENING HYMN 400 *All creatures of our God and king (stanças 1,4,5,7)*

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

All sit.

A Reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Sung by the choir.

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
- ²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
 your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
 let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 11:1-2, 29-32

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 567 *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old* *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 15:10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

*Sing a song of joy, Praise our God with mirth. His flock who can destroy? Is he not Lord of heav'n and earth?
Sing we then secure, Tuning well our strings, With voice as echo pure let us renown the King of Kings,
First who taught the day From the East to rise; Whom doth the sun obey when in the seas his glory dies.
He the stars directs, that in order stand. Who heav'n and earth protects but he that fram'd them with his hand?
Let us then rejoice, sounding loud his praise, so will he hear our voice,
And bless on earth our peaceful days.*

**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.

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.

Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence.

Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's wonderful 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 always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 408 *Sing Praise to God, who reigns above*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

March in C

Louis Lefebure-Wely

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

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

Organist: Joel Gregory

Acolytes: Eloise Carlisle, Chloe Camuze, Maggie Mantooth

Lector and Intercessor: Mary-Nelms Parsons, Ashley Roseboro

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Harlow, Forrest Harlow, Radney Ramsey

Ushers/Greeters: Mary-Nelms Parsons, Ashley Roseboro, Karen Westhauser, Cole Wise

Flower Guild: Caroline Lawson, Laura McLemore

Flower Delivery Team: Melissa Carter, Doris Ball, Linda Hutchinson

Videographer: Jim Cannon

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

Altar flowers are given in memory of: Willa Rutland Thames, Priscilla Marks Thornton, Katherine Marks Trawick, Zachary Trawick, Zachary Trawick, Jr., Churchill Marks, Charles Lewis Marks, Priscilla Scott Marks, Llyde Ray Thames, James Aubrey Tankersley, Mary Levis Hardy, Daniel Clay Wilson, Mary Hames Wilson, L. Dan Wilson, L. Dan Wilson, Jr., Mark Howard Wilson, Stephanie Stough Stone, Sherrian Tankersley Bloomquist

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, Marla Foster, Carolyn Fillmore, Adams Hill, Tom Horton, 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, Tade Smilie, Debbie Steindorff, Bill Stewart, Julia Thompson, Barbara Wallace, Florence Young

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Courtney Cobb, Lizzy Dickens, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Mark Grantham, Roger Holliday, Stephanie Holmes, Jane Lampley, Josie Lee, Charles Lewis, Nicole Lusk, Margaret Moore, Pat Patterson, Ron Skoneki, Alice Smith, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Frank Winkler, 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.

Coming Events

• 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.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

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

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