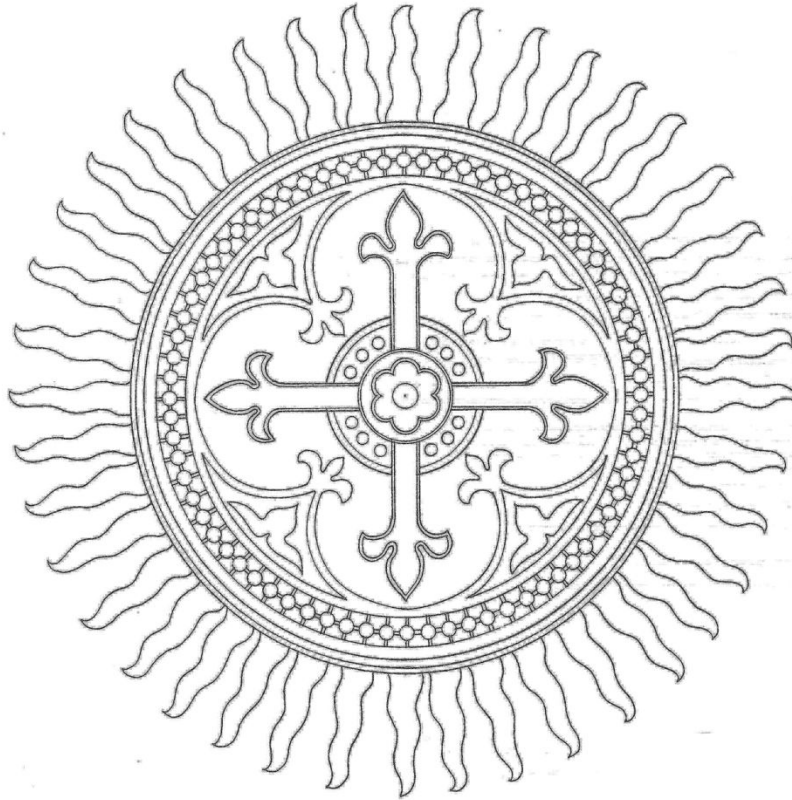


St. John's Episcopal Church

Montgomery, Alabama



Clergy

The Rev. John P. Leach, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal, Priest Associate

All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2020

Rite Two

A Note to Guests and Newcomers to the Episcopal Church

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord's Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy. 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. Guests are expected and welcome! For your convenience, we offer Nursery Care for children 3 years old and younger. The nursery is located through doors on the front right of the church, and at the end of the hall on your right. Also, children's activity bags are available in the narthex and in the main hallway

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung by vocalists, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Remain seated, read responsively by whole verse.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; ***
let the humble hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me ***
and delivered me out of all my terror.

⁵Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me ***
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; ***
happy are they who trust in him!

⁹Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
¹⁰**The young lions lack and suffer hunger, ***
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

At this time children can process to the Children's Chapel .

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

All stand.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. John P. Leach

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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

Kneeling as you are able.

We pray for all bishops and ministers, especially _____.

We pray for all public officials, especially _____.

We pray for _____.

We pray for those who are sick _____.

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

The Roll of Remembrance will be read here.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please keep appropriate social distancing.

The Holy Communion

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence.

The people may sit while the altar is being prepared.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

Celebrant 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.**

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 in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

Sung by vocalists

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

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.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The following fraction anthem will be sung by vocalists.

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The read will be given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together, kneeling as you are able

**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.**

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as the clergy depart.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

For all the Saints

Arthur Hutchings

Roll of Remembrance:

Walton McLendon Johnson
Cecile Morgan Webb
Mary Charles Norrell
Virginia "Sister" Engelhardt
Clifford Lanier
Anderson Butler Scott
Carol Wells Pierce
Linda Sides
Clinton Chadwell Carter
Bill McLendon
Dave Johannes
Ruth Jones
Bill Morrison
Wyatt Glenn Price
Cecil Cabott Stough
Barry Green-Burns
Chuck Pate
Billy Sides
Jim Thomas
Spencer Belkofer
Barbara Beall Wisnewski
Frances Condit
John B. Scott
Mary Charles Norrell
Jayne Paksoy
John Hunter Pappas
Gary William
Chris Smilie
Maggie Rowton Keith
Hannah Loeb
James E. Moffat, Jr.
Joyce Brasch
George Lamar Freeman
James Thomas Freeman

Announcements

“Liturgy: The Work of the People”

Led by: The Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal

Wednesday nights from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm on Zoom

Next Class: Wednesday, November 4th.

We have a new rector and we are just now returning to in-person worship. What has changed? What will remain the same? Why? Also, under John's leadership, we can anticipate a renewed emphasis on congregational participation and lay ministries. To serve these ends, this course hopes to accomplish two major goals. The first is to examine the different elements of the service of Holy Eucharist Rite II (BCP 1979) and recall the basic theological truths about God and the People of God that the liturgy communicates. The second major goal is to pay special attention to the roles of 1) the congregation; 2) lay ministers; and 3) ordained ministers within the services to show why the word "liturgy" is literally defined as "the work of the people."

The class will also include discussions on different ways St. John's can emphasize welcoming, hospitable and inclusive practices through worship and liturgy.

Nursery Opening Nov.1

Our church Nursery will be available beginning this Sunday, November 1. We will offer childcare for children ages 3 and younger only during the 7:30 and 10:30 am services. Email sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org with questions.

EYC Movie Night

All teenagers are welcome to come watch a movie on the lawn this evening at 6:30. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, and flashlights. This event is weather permitting.

The Heart of God in the Heart of Montgomery

Please look for a letter and pledge card to arrive this weekend. We are excited about this year's ministry priorities and look forward to you joining others in the faithful work of responding to God's call. We ask that you return your pledge card by mail or in person by November 8, 2020. More information can be found on our YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/StJohnsMontgomery>.

Keeping Pledges Current

During this time in which St. John's is still operating in a limited capacity our expenses continue. You can mail your offerings in using your pledge envelopes and adding a stamp. You also can use Bill Pay through your bank or instruct your bank to do an automatic draft. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in your stewardship.

Today's Servers

7:30 a.m.

Lector: Will Hill Tankersley

Intercessor: Will Hill Tankersley

Greeters/Ushers: Mike Jenkins

10:30 a.m.

Lector: Richard Anderson

Intercessor: Virginia Banister

Children's Chapel: Sarah Collier

Greeters/Ushers: William Haynes, Emily Wise, Nick Prilliman, Betsy Cannon

Musicians in today's service:

Janet Reed, soprano

Carter Reed, baritone

Alexei Romanenko, cello

David Simpson, bassoon

The altar flowers are in the memory of:

Peter W. Crump, Sr.

Emily Jenifer Bell Crump

Theodore Crump

Motie Sherrill Crump

Noble Crump

Mary Elizabeth Bashinsky Crump

Peter W. Crump, Jr.

Clair Doscher Crump

Stott Norment Crump

Jenifer Crump Minch

Charles W. Minch

William Tappan Brannon

Mary Jane Crump Brannon

Ruby Helen Stokes Crump Thompson

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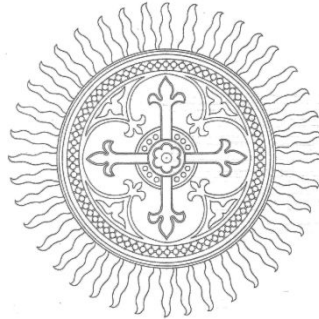
Joy and Concern

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Ann Carol Coleman, Bonner Engelhardt, Karen Jarrell, Caroline Majors, Christopher Marshall, Joe McGough, Marilyn Pickett, Caroline Clark Calhoun Serrato, Sarah Stone, George Wakefield, Kimberly Ramsey.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Betsy Arnold, Dottie Campbell, Margaret Carlson, Raye Gregory, Pee Wee Kohn, Diane Kuehndorf. Tommy Oliver, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, Al Perkins, Lavada Spears Persons, Ernie Reddick, Mark Wimble.

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 if the name listed needs to be included longer.



St. John's Episcopal Church
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