

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



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## THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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10.30 a.m. • Aug 15th, 2021

#### 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 in the adjacent education building, and at the end of the hall on your left. Also, children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.*

**Voluntaries**    *Canzon*  
*We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*

Girolamo Frescobaldi  
Dietrich Buxtehude

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Entrance Hymn 423** *Immortal, invisible God only wise*

**ST DENIO**

## 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 for ever. 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.**

**Opening Canticle - Hymnal, S 204 *Sung by all.***

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,*

*we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.*

*O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;*

*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high 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 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 people sit.*

**The Lessons**

**The First Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give

your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

*Please remain seated. The Psalm will be sung by the choir.*

### **Psalm 111**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as

you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*Please stand. During the hymn, children are invited to process to the children's chapel.*

**Sequence Hymn 488** *Be thou my vision*

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**The Gospel Reading: John 6: 35, 41-51**

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal

**The Nicene Creed**

*All stand, saying 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 people kneel as they are able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, and Steven our Mayor, for this community, the nation, and the world; **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Glenda our Bishop, and for John and Deonna our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for all those serving in the armed forces, especially Jonathan Joyner, Jack Durkee, Ben Klein, and Curtis Buzard. We pray for our companion parish of Espiritu Santo in Tela, Honduras. We pray for all first responders and all healthcare personnel. We also pray for those on our parish prayer list: \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died. We also pray for those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given: \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept. Then the Leader and People say together*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant 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.**

*All stand.*

## **The Peace**

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

*The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

*The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit while the altar is being prepared.*

*All stand to sing.*

Doxology

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*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. Amen.*

## The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

*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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people 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,

**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

*All sing this fraction anthem together*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### *The Celebrant says*

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.

*After communion, the service continues with the following lay eucharistic commission.*

*Clergy:* We send you out to take communion to those who cannot be with us this day.

*People:* May you carry our prayers as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.

*After the lay eucharistic visitors depart the Celebrant continues and the people pray together*

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

*Please stand for the retiring procession*

**Hymn 594** *God of grace and God of glory*

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## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

*Plein Jeu*

Louis Marchand

## Today's Servers

**Acolytes:** Anne Frances Little, Allie Fitzpatrick, Susannah Miller

**Lector and Intercessor:** William Haynes and Kat Dailey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Chappell and Tracey Campbell

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Kat Dailey

**Ushers:** Radney Ramsey, Scott Mitchell, Wyatt Wells, Emily Wise

**Altar Guild:** Melissa Carter and Stephanie Stone

**Flower Delivery Team:** Melissa Carter, Will Gunter, Valerie Wilkerson

**Videographer:** Sam Collier

**Instrumentalists:** Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *bassoon*.

### **Altar Flowers given in memory of:**

Willa Ruthland Thames

Katherine marks Trawick

Zachary Trawick

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

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Elizabeth Via Brown, Trantum Fitzpatrick, Karen Jarrell, Albert Killingsworth, Elizabeth Killingsworth, Leslie Little, Christopher Marshall, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Sarah Stone, Fred Tyson.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Joe Carter, Robert Clark, David, Vaughan Dozier, Frank, Lisa Gendron, Steve Harding, Hayden Herring, Patty Kimbel, Richard Norris, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, James Paine, Lavada Person, Debbie Steindorff.

*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

**Covid Protocol Update:** We encourage all who are eligible and unvaccinated to please get vaccinated. We also recommend but will not require the use of masks with gatherings of both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. We urge everyone to be considerate and compassionate, remembering that the well-being of one of us affects the well-being of all of us.

**Blessing of the Backpacks is TODAY:** We invite children of all ages to bring their backpacks or computer bags to the 10:30am service. We will pray for everyone going back to school and each student will receive a blessing tag to attach to their backpack.

**Young Adult Supper Club:** The gang is getting back together! Young Adult Supper Club is kicking off with a tailgate party on August 26th at 6:30pm at Mary Martin & Scott Mitchell's house at 1302 Augusta Ave. BBQ & burgers provided, and attendees may bring sides & desserts. Questions? Contact Blake delCarmen at bcdelcarmen@gmail.com

**EYC Ultimate Frisbee Day:** St. John's & Ascension EYCs will join forces for an afternoon of ultimate frisbee at 3pm on Sunday, Aug. 29th at the Shakespeare park. Bring water & a frisbee if you have one.

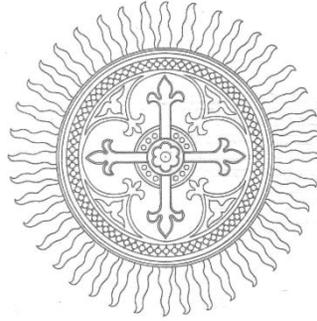
**School Supply Drive for Carver HS:** Throughout the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for Carver High School. These supplies include: pencils, pens, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, binders, backpacks, highlighters, etc. All the supplies may be dropped off at the St. John's office.

**Treasure Attic:** Don't forget to drop off any items you would like to donate to the Bazaar Treasure Attic. You may leave your items in the stairwell of the church office building. Anything deemed not sellable will be discarded.

**Videographers for Livestream:** We love being able to livestream the 10:30am service but could use a few extra people on our ragtag videographer crew! If you are interested in joining our team (absolutely no experience necessary), please call or email Anne Tippett. 262-1937/anne@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

**Acolyte Make-Up Training is TODAY.** The Acolyte Corps is expanding to include 5th through 12th graders! If your children would like to be part of the acolyte corps and serve during the Sunday liturgy, please email Deonna at deonna@stjohnsmontgomery.org with the following information: Acolyte Name, Age, Grade during Academic Year 2021-2021, email address and phone number either for the youth or parent.

**Eagle Scout Attained:** St. John's youth, William Lawlor and Chase Wells both became Eagle Scouts this past Saturday at a ceremony in the parish house. We are all proud of you!



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**The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama**

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The Reverend John P. Leach, *Rector*  
The Reverend Dr. Deonna D. Neal, *Associate Rector*  
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