



St. John's Episcopal Church

July 7, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Our Guests

We are so glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today. 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. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.

HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

THE PRELUDE *Andante (Trio in d minor)*

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 616 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

All sit.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 48

Sung by the choir.

¹ Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

³ God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

⁴ Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

⁵ They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

- ⁶Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- ⁷As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- ⁸We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- ⁹Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- ¹⁰Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- ¹¹Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- ¹²Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- ¹³This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*All stand.*Hymnal **411** *O bless the Lord, my soul***GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-13***Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Priest The Gospel of our Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston*All sit.***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

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.

(Silence) 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.

(Silence) 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.

(Silence) 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.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

All sit.

At the end of the offertory voluntary, all stand and sing

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

All 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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 musical score is written on four staves in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second and third staves contain the second and third lines. The fourth staff contains the final line and ends with a double bar line. There are three-measure rests (triplets) indicated by a '3' above the notes in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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:

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.**

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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive the consecrated bread. All others are welcome to come to the rail and receive a priestly blessing instead.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then serve the people with these words:
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Go now, and proclaim the life-changing love of God.
Do not fear your weakness, for when you are weakest,
Christ's strength is known.
Travel lightly, live simply,
and honor those who welcome the gospel.

And may God the Father be your protection and safe haven;
May God the Son dwell in you;
and may the God the Holy Spirit guide you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 719 *O beautiful for spacious skies*

SENDING OUT

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heavenly Hosts Dinner

Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, July 11 from 6-8 p.m. at the home of Bruce and Fairlie Rinehart. Please bring your favorite covered dish. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

Silent Auction Needs Donations

We are looking for the best items you can offer for the silent auction for the annual ECW bazaar coming up on Nov. 20. Please look through your closets and cabinets and bring us fine china, signed paintings, sterling silver, crystal, small vintage furniture and anything else you'd likely find in a fine antique store or gift shop. For more information, contact Katie Keller, chairman, kkeller2009@charter.net 610-217-1731; or Jane Barganier, co-chairman, perdidobjb@charter.net 334-399-9718.

Kids' Water & Arts Camp coming soon!

This camp is for rising kindergartners through rising sixth graders and dates are July 30—Aug. 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Kids will create works of art that will be sold at the yearly bazaar, then go outside for water games and inflatable fun! Deadline for registration is Monday, July 15. Visit stjohnsmontgomery.org for more details and to register!

“Bach’s Lunch,” Summer Organ Concert Series Continues

Wednesdays from 12:05-12:30 p.m., June 12-26 and July 10-24.

Join us for a short concert and then enjoy lunch and fellowship in the Parish House. You may order a box lunch from the church website or bring your own brown bag lunch. See the Summer Concerts tab on the St. John’s website for more details. You can also call the church office at 334.262.1937 to order your lunch.

Summer Sermon Series/Rector’s Forum: The King of Hearts

The Old Testament lessons this summer all come from the history book of 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. We’ll learn more about the greatest of all Israel’s kings, nicknamed ‘A Man After God’s Own Heart.’ Join us each week at 7:30 or 10:30 a.m. The Rector’s Forum covering the same topic will be Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

Visitors: Welcome! We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with some information about you and your family so that we can better serve you.



TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministry: Connie Tapia

Acolytes: James Marshall, Samuel Collier, Thomas Lawlor, Eloise Carlisle

Lector and Intercessor: Debbie Schremser, Sarah Spratling

Eucharistic Ministers: Cam Armstrong, Virginia Banister, Betsy Cannon

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Melissa Carter, Elizabeth Lawlor, Mary Martin Mitchell

Altar Guild: Libby Beck, Chuck Moore

Flower Guild: Betty Beale, Amy Marshall

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews, Stanly Marks

Videographer: Sam Collier

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*, Robby Gibson, *guitar*

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of all American military service members who have given their lives establishing, preserving, and defending the United States of America.

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Jeanne Drummond, John Durr, Dave Funk, Heather Herring, Bud Nason, Carma Marks, Seibels Marshall, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Moseley, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Nan Rosa, Frank Rosa, Barbara Wallace, Barbara Wells, Bohdi White, Larry Worrilow

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Sharon Carney Wright, Michael Finnen, Roger Jobe, John Allen Jones, Seeley Lewis, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, Pam Slate, Ron Skoneki, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Frank Winkler

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.

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