

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

All sit.

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-45A

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:20-29

Sung by the choir.

²⁰I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
²¹My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
²²No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
²³I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
²⁵I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
²⁶He will say to me, “You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.”
²⁷I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
²⁸I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
²⁹I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

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

Celebrant

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All stand.

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. _____

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 out now, remembering all God has done for you.

Break down the walls of hostility, proclaim peace, and have compassion for all.

And may God the Father be with you wherever you go;

May God the Son heal you and replenish you;

and may God the Holy Spirit encircle you and strengthen you. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 541 *Come, labor on*

All stand.

SENDING OUT

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE *Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing*

Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace in Our Time Prayer Services

Fear is something we are used to by now. We live with it every day. But this summer, the anxiety feels more intense than normal, and it's not hard to spot the cause of our heightened communal stress.

We need God's resources, and we need to pray. So, on select Sunday afternoons beginning August 11 at 4 p.m., St. John's will hold a short service of prayer for our nation. Where else can we go but to our source of peace? All are invited to this service, so help spread the word. Learn more at

stjohnsmontgomery.org/peace-prayer-series-2024

or by scanning this QR code:



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 Berganier, co-chairman, perdidobjb@charter.net 334-399-9718.

“Bach’s Lunch,” Summer Organ Concert Series Wrapping Up

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: Robert Wells, Nancy Bradford, Helen Johnston, Sarah Johnston

Lector and Intercessor: Callie Dietz, Ashley Hamlett

Eucharistic Ministers: Rich Anderson, Betsy Cannon, J.R. Marshall

Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Ann Selman, Christy Anderson,

Jim Bennett, Catherine McLemore

Altar Guild: Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

Flower Guild: Camilla Armstrong, Catherine McLemore

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

Videographer: Jim Cannon

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*, Grace Kim, *violin*,

David Simpson, *bassoon*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Richard Henry Arrington,

Pauline White Arrington, Richard Henry Arrington, Jr.,

Mary Black Arrington, McMillian Lane, Jean Bellingrath Lane

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.

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