



# St. John's Episcopal Church

June 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth 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)

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THE PRELUDE

*Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Father, We Thank Thee, Who Hast Planted*

David Cherwien

THE OPENING HYMN 483 *The head that once was crowned with thorns*

## 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.**

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.

## GLORIA

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LESSONS

*All sit.*

#### FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 15:34 - 6:13

A Reading from the book of First Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not

chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

### **PSALM 20**

*Sung by the choir.*

- <sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- <sup>2</sup> Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- <sup>3</sup> Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- <sup>4</sup> Grant you your heart’s desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.
- <sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

### **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 AND 14-17**

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

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN 302** *Father, we thank thee who hast planted All stand.*

**GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34**

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others...

## **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

*All stand as able.*

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.*



## TODAY'S SERVERS

**Clergy:** The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

**Director of Children's Formation:** Sarah Collier

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Connie Tapia

**Acolytes:** J.M. Longshore, Lawton McCollum, Thomas Lawlor, Suzanne Holmes

**Lector and Intercessor:** Mary Hughes, Nick Prillaman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Chappell, Morgan Chappell, Reg McLain

**Ushers/Greeters:** Keith Miller, Catherine McLemore, Ashley Roseboro, Chuck Ocheltree

**Altar Guild:** Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

**Flower Guild:** Mary Helen Mahan, Caroline Majors

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

**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

**Instrumentalists:** Robert Scott, *flute*, Grace Kim, *violin*, David Simpson, *bassoon*, Hunter Dailey, *trumpet*

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** William Mathew Marks, Jane Andrew Marks, William Mathew Marks, Jr., Elva Quisenberry Marks, Julia Marks Dozier, Frances McMilan Marks, Alexander Andrews Marks, Laurence Hall Marks, Charles Mathew Marks, Lawrence Hughes Marks, Patrick Stanley Marks, Lily Michele Marks, Sandra Hughes Marks

**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:**

Betsy Cannon, Jeanne Drummond, John Durr, Dave Funk, Bob Hill, Ken Mahan, 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 June:** Elizabeth Via Brown, Betty Beale, Arthur Mazzyck, Marney Garzon, Cam Armstrong, Mary Martin Mitchell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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. These readings trace the life and work of King David of Israel. So, for eleven weeks, beginning June 9, the sermons will be focused on these Old Testament lessons. We'll learn more about the greatest of all Israel's kings, nicknamed 'A Man After God's Own Heart,' yet a broken person who was often led by bad decisions rooted in strong emotions. He truly was The King of Hearts—and not always in a good way. Join us each week at 7:30 or 10:30 a.m. so you don't miss an important installment! But if you do, make sure you stream it later on Facebook or YouTube.

The Rector's Forum covering the same topic will be Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

### **“Bach's Lunch,” Summer Organ Concert Series**

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.



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# St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Right Reverend Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*

The Reverend Duncan H. Johnston, DMin, *Rector*

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