



# St. John's Episcopal Church

June 23, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
The Fifth 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 *Prelude*  
*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

William Harris  
Paul Manz

THE OPENING HYMN 410 *Praise, my soul the King of heaven*

## 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in

the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 4his very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Reader                   The Word of the Lord.

People                   **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 9:9-20**

*Sung by the choir.*

- <sup>9</sup>The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.
- <sup>10</sup>Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.
- <sup>11</sup>Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.
- <sup>12</sup>The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- <sup>13</sup>Have pity on me, O LORD; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- <sup>14</sup>So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.
- <sup>15</sup>The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
- <sup>16</sup>The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
- <sup>17</sup>The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the peoples that forget God.
- <sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- <sup>19</sup>Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.
- <sup>20</sup>Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

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

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 699 *Jesus, Lover of my soul*

*All stand.*

## GOSPEL: MARK 4:35-41

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

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Priest*  
*People*

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**      The Rev Mark Waldo

*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 major and 3/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' above a group of notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Stay and help the Honduras Mission Team today!**

The St. John's Honduras medical mission will be underway at the end of July. We will prepare the zip-lock prescription bags ahead of time to transport with the medication. We will have a "bag labelling" session today immediately after church in the third floor youth area. We anticipate about two hours of time and a light snack lunch will be available. Thank you in advance—the mission would not be possible without the aid and support of our parishioners!

### **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](http://stjohnsmontgomery.org) for more details and to register!

### **"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. 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,' 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.



**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, Parker Mantooth, W.E. Clark, Maggie Mantooth

**Lector and Intercessor:** Cam Armstrong, R.T. Marshall

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virginia Banister, Maria Pacheco, Dudley Berry

**Ushers/Greeters:** Keith Miller, Mark Chappell, Allison Prillaman, Debbie Schremser

**Altar Guild:** Chuck Moore

**Flower Guild:** Sarah Spratling, Margaret Peeples

**Flower Delivery Team:** Jeanne Drummond, Bette Smith, Debbie Schremser

**Videographer:** Anne Tippet

**Instrumentalists:** Robert Scott, *flute*, Bob Hoit, *clarinet*, David Simpson, *basoon*

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Dottie Moore, C. Gavin Moore, James Van Dis, Elmeria McCallum Spratling, Benjamin Barnett Spratling, Jr., Sarah Whitaker Spratling, Benjamin Barnett Spratling, Sr., Ruth Omega Hartley McCallum, Robert Ernest McCallum, Sr.

### **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 Finn, 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 Mazyck, Marney Garzon, Cam Armstrong, Mary Martin Mitchell