



St. John's Episcopal Church

June 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Third 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 *Come Holy Spirit, Lord Creator* Dietrich Buxtehude
Simple Gifts Dale Wood

THE OPENING HYMN 408 *Sing praise to God who reigns above*

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 God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 8:4-11 AND 16-20

A Reading from the book of First Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

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

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 603 *When Christ was lifted from the earth* *All stand.*

THE GOSPEL: MARK 3:20-35

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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.

Priest and people

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

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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.

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. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE 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.

THE BLESSING

Go now, and live no longer for yourselves, but for him who died and was raised for you.

Walk by faith, not by sight, and judge others only by the integrity of their hearts.

And may God the Father protect you in times of trouble;

May God the Son grant you your heart's desire;

and may God the Holy Spirit take hold of you and empower from this day forward. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 594 *God of grace and God of glory*

SENDING OUT

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

THE POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* David Cherwien

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, Robert Marshall, Maggie Mantooth,
John David Collier

Lector and Intercessor: Ashley Hamlett, Scott Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Cannon, William Haynes, Dudley Perry

Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Ann Selman, Allison Prillaman,
Anne Hamner, Mary Martin Mitchell

Altar Guild: Ashley Hamlett

Flower Guild: Jean Smyth, Karen Westhauser

Flower Delivery Team: Maria Pacheco, Anne & Reggie Hamner,
Allison Prillaman

Videographer: Scott Mitchell

Instrumentalists: Sunny Xu, *cello*; David Simpson

Altar Flowers are given in memory of:

Ruth Hill Cook, Clarence H. Cook, Sr., Clarence H. Cook, Jr.,
Ruth Hill Cook McLemore, William H. McLemore

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
McCrary, 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 Mazyck, Marney Garzon, Cam Armstrong, Mary Martin Mitchell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Forum: The Ten Commandments: Then and Now

We will explore ten ancient words, given by God to Moses in Exodus 20. We'll look at what they meant to the original listeners because it is important to understand their context, but, this is not just an academic course of study. We'll also wrestle with what role the Decalogue should have in the lives of Christians today. Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. in the library.

Summer Sermon Series: 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.

"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.

Heavenly Hosts: Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.

Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Arthur and Elizabeth Mazyck. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.



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