

THE SONG OF PRAISE (CANTICLE 13)

Music is S236 in the Hymnal

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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: Isaiah 53:4-12

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his

grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

PSALM 91:9-16

Sung by the choir.

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
¹²They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 583 *O holy city seen of John*

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Glenda, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Joseph, our Governor Kay, our Mayor Stephen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially ... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given ... and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation ... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

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 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 HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

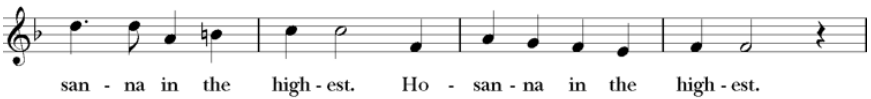
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



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 in the confidence of people who have found mercy.

Follow Jesus, keeping the commandments,
letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world,
and investing everything in God's realm.

And may God the Father come close to you and keep you safe;

May God the Son reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;

and may God the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 594 *God of grace and God of glory*

SENDING OUT

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE *Allegro con brio (Sonata IV)* Felix Mendelssohn

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, Parker Mantooth, Lawton McCollum,
Maggie Mantooth

Altar Guild: Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

Lectors and Intercessors: Ashley Hamlett, Scott Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: William Haynes, Mary Hughes,
Chuck Moore, Radney Ramsey

Ushers/Greeters: Margaret Ann Selman, Josie Eskridge,
Liam McMullan, Mary Martin Mitchel

Flower Guild: Caroline Lawson, Laura McLemore

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

Videographer: Jim Cannon

Altar Flowers are given in memory of:

Frederick Wooten Wilkerson, Jr., Frederick Wooten Wilkerson, Sr.,
Kathleen McCord Wilkerson, Bernard de Sieyes de Veynes,
Alice Stearns de Sieyes, Marion de Sieyes Ebersole,
Marion Stearns Vernard, Peter Wilkerson Kimball,
Arthur Bowman Durkee, Jr.

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, John Durr, Dave Funk, Mac Gipson,
Seibels Marshall, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory,
Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cam Napier, Bud Nason,
Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Barbara Wallace, Barbara Wells

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse,
Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Gray Howard, Roger Jobe, Seeley Lewis,
Karen and Angelo Pacheco, Samantha and Hunter Rodgers, Pam Slate,
Ron Skoneki, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor,
Connie Thomas, Frank Winkler, Sharon Carney Wright

*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 October: Murray Bennett, Carrie Shaw,
Margaret Peeples, Caroline Lawson, Doris Ball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Cotton To Speak in Parish Hall at 9:15 Today

Join us as we hear from the Director of Missional Funding about the Equipping the Saints diocesan capital campaign. This campaign is raising vital funds for Congregational Vitality, projects at Camp McDowell, and Racial Healing and Pilgrimage through the ministry of Good Shepherd here in Montgomery. There will be no Christian Formation classes today so we are able to give our church's full attention to this worthy message.

No Chamber Music Concert Today

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Chamber Music Concert planned for today at 4 p.m. has been cancelled. The next concert is planned for November 17.

Supplies for Hurricane Relief

St. John's is collecting supplies for the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama to send to those affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, Georgia, and parts of Florida. Bring supplies to the St. John's office from 9-4 Monday-Thursday or on Sunday morning. Supplies needed include non-perishable food (ready to eat canned food, peanut butter), diapers, baby wipes, bleach, Lysol, soap, and new wool blankets.

EYC & Club 56 Pumpkin Carving

Youth and fifth and sixth graders are invited to come have dinner and carve pumpkins today from 5:30-7 p.m.! Bring your own pumpkin, everything else will be provided.

**Also, mark your calendar for Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30 at 6 p.m!

Wednesday Night Teaching Series Underway

Mark your calendar for a new Wednesday Night Teaching Series at St. John's! Throughout the month of October, come enjoy dinner and discussion centered on how to "do" politics well as a Christian.

Oct. 9 - The Combatant and The Exhausted

Oct. 16 - The Cynic and The True Disciple

Oct. 23 - The After Party

Dinner at 6, teaching and discussion start at 6:30.

Children's curriculum and nursery will be provided.

Wednesday
Series



Next Peace in Our Time Prayer Service Oct. 27

On Oct. 27, St. John's will hold the next in a series of short prayer services for our nation in person and online. Where else can we go in these troubled times but to our source of peace? All are invited to this service, so help spread the word. Learn more by scanning this QR code:

Peace in Our Time



Ministry Signups Still Open

Did you miss the Ministry Fair on Sept. 8 but are still interested in serving? It's not too late! There are many wonderful opportunities at St. John's where you can use your own unique talents and gifts. Scan this QR code to see all the ways you can get involved.

St. John's Ministries 2024



Soft Sensory Service Now Available Sunday Mornings

The Soft Sensory Service is a more intimate gathering at 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Library with lower lighting and volume to keep everyone at ease. For more info, email constance@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Welcome to Our Visitors!

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.

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