



St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Second 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 *Allegro (Concerto del Tomaso Albinoni)* J. G. Walther
 Tierce en taille (Suite on the Magnificat) J. Guilain

THE OPENING HYMN 535 *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

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, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 3:1-10

A Reading from the book of First Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

Sung by the Choir.

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 546 *Awake, my soul stretch every nerve* *All stand.*

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:6

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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.

Celebrant: 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

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit for the anthem.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Antonin Dvorak

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-string psaltery. Ev'ry day will I extol thee and will bless thy Holy Name, I will bless thy Holy Name. Great is God and great his mercy. Who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his pow'r declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yeah, men shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wond'rous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

THE DOXOLOGY

At the end of the anthem, all stand for the doxology 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

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 of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, then quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff contains a triplet of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The third staff starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5, followed by a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The fourth staff begins with a triplet of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, followed by a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

All kneel as able.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying

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.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as able.

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

All kneel as able.

The Celebrant blesses the people

Go now, and listen for the Word of the Lord.

Do good and not harm, save life and do not destroy it.

Carry always in your bodies the life and death of Jesus.

And may God the Father be with you to the end;

May Christ Jesus make his life visible in you.

and may the Holy Spirit give you the light of the knowledge of the glory of God. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 565 *He who would valiant be*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

THE POSTLUDE *Basse de Trompette & Plein Jeu (Suite on the Magnificat)*
Jean-Adam Guilain

TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministry: Connie Tapia

Acolytes: Bobby Bradford, Nancy Bradford, Ella Claire Corsino, Will Eva Clark

Lector and Intercessor: Maria Pacheco, Debbie Schremser

Eucharistic Ministers: Rich Anderson, J.R. Marshall, Mary-Nelms Parsons

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Jim Bennett, Morgan Chappell, Liam McMullan

Flower Guild: Fay Worrilow, Mary Helen Mahan

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews, Stanley Marks

Videographer: Sam Collier

Instrumentalists: Joel Gregory, *organ*; Robert Scott, *flute*; Barbara Shanks, *oboe*; David Simpson, *basoon*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Thomas Martin Tyson, Sr., Walter Bragg Tyson, John C. Tyson, III, Mae Martin Tyson, Virginia Bragg Tyson, John C. Tyson, Jr., Eugenia Bragg Tyson, Paul Wright Smith, Fred White Tyson, Alice Hollon Tyson, Thomas Martin Tyson, Jr, Kent Jenkins

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 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.

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

