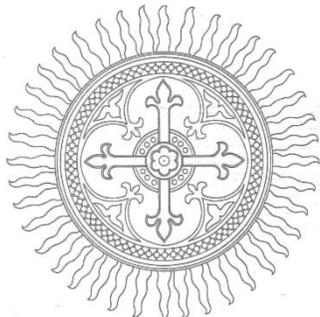


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.30 a.m. • Nov 28th, 2021

A Note to Guests and Newcomers to the Episcopal Church

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord's Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy. 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. Guests are expected and welcome! For your convenience, we offer Nursery Care for children 3 years old and younger. The nursery is located in the adjacent education building, and at the end of the hall on your left. Also, children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.

Opening Voluntaries

*Concerto after Signori Gregori
Reverie*

JG Walther
William Harris

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

DIADEMATA

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.**

Opening Canticle, Gloria in excelsis - Hymnal, S 280 *Sung by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
 the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
 the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
 his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
 the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
 ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
 like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
 gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
 For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
 ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
 all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
 for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated. The psalm sung by soloists.

Psalm 132:1-13

- 1 Lord, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

The Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand. During the hymn, children are invited to process to the children's chapel.

Sequence Hymn 435 *At the name of Jesus*
(Omit ‘*’ stanzas.)

KING’S WESTON

The Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. John Bagby

All stand, saying together:

The Nicene Creed

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 people kneel as they are able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

The Prayers of the People

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; we pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop; Glenda our Bishop, and Deonna our priest.
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; We pray especially for Joseph, our President; Kay, our Governor; and Steven, our Mayor.
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.

We pray for all those on our parish prayer list, _____.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

On this Sunday of All Saints, we pray for all those who have died this past year, especially _____. We also pray also for those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, _____. 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. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces. We pray for our companion parish of Espiritu Santo, in Tela, Honduras. We pray for all first responders and all healthcare personnel.

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**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.**

The Celebrant stands and says

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.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebrant will say an offertory sentence. Please sit while the altar is being prepared

The Holy Communion

Offertory Voluntary

As the gifts are being brought forward, please stand to sing:

Doxology (Hymn 400 v.7)

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Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O Praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

The People 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

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 people kneel as they are able.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

All sing this fraction anthem together

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After communion, the Celebrant leads the people with this post-communion prayer.

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

Please stand for the retiring procession

Hymn 397 *Now thank we all our God*

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Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*

J. S. Bach

Today's Servers

Guest Preacher: The Rev. John Bagby

Acolytes: Wyatt Wells, Holden Habermacher, Thomas Lawlor, Helen Johnston, Samuel Collier

Lector and Intercessor: Dudley Perry, Mary-Nelms Parsons

Eucharistic Ministers: Rich Anderson, Virginia Banister, Leale McCall III

Vestry: Will Hill Tankersley, Jr., Jon Carter, Mary-Nelms Parsons, Betsy Cannon

Altar Guild: Ashley Hamlett

Flower Delivery Team: Melissa Carter, Will Gunter, Valerie Wilkerson

Videographer: Joleen George

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *bassoon*.

Altar Flowers given in memory of:

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| Jule Seibels Montjoy | Robert Emmet Seibels, Jr. | Robert Emmet Seibels, Sr. |
| Fannie Marks Seibels | Caroline Rudolph Sellers | Philip Allen Sellers |
| Mary Elaine Morrison | William Dayton Morrison | Richard Wilson Montjoy |
| Louise Montjoy Latham | William Douglas Morrison | |

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: George Benner, Elizabeth Via Brown, Delia Cerpa, Mark Chappell, Martha Fitzpatrick, Karen Jarrell, Leslie Little, Christopher Marshall, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Sarah Stone, Fred Tyson.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Gail Alsobrook, Larry Alsobrook, Joe Carter, Arthur Femenella, Sr., Frank, Robin Fleming, Steve Harding, Richard Norris, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, James Paine, Lavada Person.

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.

Announcements

Stewardship 2022: It is that time of year when we provide for St. John's future with stewardship. We refer to this part of our involvement with our parish as "stewardship" rather than merely "giving" because what we are doing with stewardship is taking care of something that belongs to all of us, something that we lovingly preserve and improve for the benefit of our parishioners, our community and for future generations. We preserve it and we pass it along. This year, we have a challenging burden to carry. In addition to the \$2 million "Light Campaign," we also have our annual budgeted needs for the ongoing operations of this church. Our budget is approximately \$1.7 million. **We ask that you complete and send in your pledges no later than December 7, 2021.** Packets may be picked up at church, but you will also receive a packet in the mail. I encourage all of us to be generous stewards.

Will Hill Tankersley, Jr., Junior Warden and Chair of the 2022 Stewardship Campaign

Vestry Nominations: The nominating committee is working on assembling a vestry slate for election on Jan. 16, 2022. The committee invites parishioners to submit names for consideration. Nominees must be St. John's members and contribute financially to the church. Contact any of the nominating committee with your suggestions: Radney Ramsey, John Carter, Will Gunter, Katie Keller, Mary-Nelms Parsons, Nick Prillaman, Emily Wise

Advent Adult Formation Class begins Nov 28th: *Ponder These Things: Praying with Icons of the Virgin.* From Nov 28th to Dec 10th, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity, we will read this short book of reflections by the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams on three classic icons of the Virgin Mary with Jesus. In the course of our class we will also discuss the symbolic elements of icons and how to interpret them. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book online in whatever format they prefer. The class will be led by the Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal.

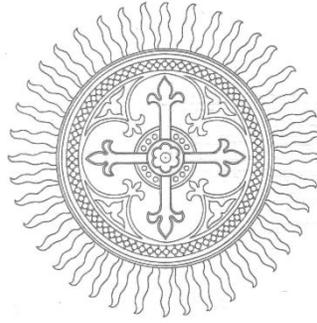
Club 56: Club 56 (a gathering for 5th & 6th graders) will meet TONIGHT from 5:30pm-7pm at Rockin Jump. Please bring a friend. RSVP to Sarah Collier at sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Advent Reflection Group: St. John's will have an Advent Reflection group that will meet weekly at 6pm on Sundays beginning on Nov. 28th, and continuing throughout Advent. The group will meet in the library. For more information, please contact Carrie Shaw, graycegray@gmail.com/662-425-2010

Advent Wreath-Making Lunch: Join us on Sunday, Nov. 28th after the 10:30am service for our annual Advent wreath making event. We'll have everything you need to make a beautiful Advent wreath to take home, and we'll have a yummy lunch too!

Angel Tree: Our traditional Angel Tree outreach will begin Sunday Nov. 28th. Stop by the parish house to adopt a family in need for the holiday season.

St. John's Gift Shop: The St. John's gift shop has all kinds of great items for Christmas. Check out what they have to offer. The shop is open on Sunday mornings and Mo.-Th 10am-3pm.



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Betsy Cannon, Cissy Johnson, Brice Johnston, J.R. Marshall, Scott Mitchell, Dudley Perry, Jr.

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