

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.30 a.m. • Oct 10th, 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 Voluntary *Prelude in G*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn 408 *Sing praise to God, who reigns above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live,
 or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
 and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
 and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
 and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
 and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
 but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
 but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
 and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
 and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
 for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
 that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated. The Psalm will be sung by soloists from the choir.

Psalm 90:12-17

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 517 *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal

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 Stephen, 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.

We pray for all those who have died and for all 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 especially for all those serving in the armed forces, especially Jonathan Joyner, Jack Durkee, Ben Klein, and Curtis Buzard. 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

Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Glen Rudolph

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast, but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be. Jesu, be thou our glory now and through eternity. Amen.

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

Doxology (*Hymn 400 v.7*)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 A)

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.**

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; 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 forever 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.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

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.

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

Please stand for the retiring procession

Hymn 680 *O God, our help in ages past*

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fuga (Sonata VI)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Today's Servers

Acolytes: Allie Fitzpatrick, Wyatt Wells, Bobby Bradford, Robert Wells, Nancy Bradford

Lector and Intercessor: Keith Miller and Tracey Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers: Fairley McDonald, JR Marshall, Maria Pacheco

Ushers: Radney Ramsey, Betsy Cannon, Will Gunter, Ellen Habermacher

Altar Guild: Ashley Hamlett

Flower Delivery Team: Stanley & Sandy Marks, Maria Pacheco, Nancy Buzard

Videographer: Sam Collier

Instrumentalists: Robby Gibson, *guitar*.

Altar Flowers given to the Glory of God and in memory of: William Adams Gunter, Jr., Julia Scott Gunter, William Adams Gunter III, Annie Laurie Cain Gunter, Avis Brannon Gunter, Rose Gunter Lawson, Thomas Seay Lawson, Sarah Clayton Lawson, Virginia Gunter Haas Orvis, Henry Paul Haas, Dora Pratt Smith Haas, Julia Fairlie Gunter Evans, Ethelbert Henry Evans, Florence Evans Jordan, Ellen Gunter Rogers, Ellen Rogers Trotman, John McNeill Trotman, Anne Mercer Haynes, Oliver Lynn Haynes, Jr., Grace Gunter Lane, Elizabeth Gunter Downey, Bruce Johnson Downey, Jr.

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: George Benner, Elizabeth Via Brown, Mark Chappell, Martha Fitzpatrick, Karen Jarrell, Elizabeth Killingsworth, 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, 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

Rector's Forum at 9.15am Sundays in the Parish Hall: Outreach Partners Speaker Series

Oct 10th: Donna Marietta from MACOA

Oct 17th: Captain Michael Searsy from the Montgomery Fire Department

Oct 24th: Ellen Habermacher from the Carver High School Backpack Program

Oct 31st: Christy Anderson from Hope Inspired Ministries

October Speaker Series Continues Wednesday Oct 13th! Join us for dinner in the Parish Hall at 6pm followed by a talk by Imam Mikhael Sabree as part of our Ancient Faiths in Modern Context series! Please RSVP to Anne Tippett if you will be attending the dinner.

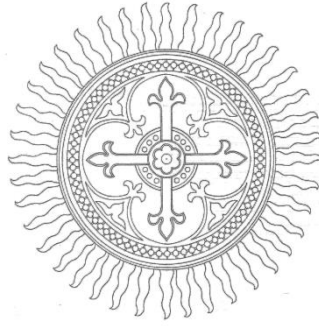
Centering Prayer Wednesdays at 11:30am in the library: Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. It is a method of prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship

Last Light Campaign Gathering at 5pm in Parish Hall on Oct 17th: Join us for the last gathering to hear about the Light Campaign from our Campaign Co-Chairs and other parishioners who will speak about why they are supporting the campaign. Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Club 56: All 5th & 6th graders are members of Club 56! The group will meet at Bowlero on Sunday Oct. 17th from 5pm-7pm. Invite a friend & join us. Please RSVP to Sarah Collier.

Halloween Young Adult Supper Club: Young adults are back and having a fun Halloween party, so dress up in your best costume, bring food to share with others and join other STJ young adults at Joleen George's house: 1824 St. Charles Ave.

Trunk or Treat: Wednesday Oct. 27 at 6pm, everyone's favorite spooky event returns! All families and St. John's groups are invited to decorate their trunks in the church parking lot. There's a prize for the best decorated trunk. There will be bouncy houses, corn dogs, french fries and cookie cake!



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