

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.30 a.m. • Oct 3rd, 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

*Come Now, Jesus, from Heaven Unto Us
Fughetta on the Magnificat*

J. S Bach
Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

 "This at last is bone of my bones
 and flesh of my flesh;
 this one shall be called Woman,
 for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated. The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, ***
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For

the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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 480 *When Jesus left his Father's throne*

KINGSFOLD

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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 shae 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

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 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 power and might,
heaven 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 460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Today's Servers

Acolytes: Anne Frances Little, Guy Hughes, JEB Clark, Molly Selman, Parker Mantooth

Lector and Intercessor: Mary Hughes, Tracey Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers: William Haynes, Fairley McDonald, Dudley Perry

Ushers: Jimmy McLemore, Kathleen Bradford, Cissy Johnson, JR Marshall

Altar Guild: Ashley Albright

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanette Lynn, Mary Lil Owen, George Mathews

Videographer: Anne Tippett

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

Altar Flowers given in memory of: Annie Paul Thorington, Olivia Goldthwaite Thompson, Theresa Goldthwaite, Lizzie Andrews Goldthwaite, James Drury Flowers, Sr., Mary Van Thornton Flowers, James Drury Flowers, Jr., Donna Winslow Flowers, Dr. Willard D. Bennett, Martha Bennett, Ana Cecile Bennett, Cecile Morgan Webb

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

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

We pray for one who has died: Ernest Leroy Reddick, Jr, father of Caroline Lawson. *Rest Eternal Grant unto him, O Lord. And may Light perpetual shine upon him.*

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

Adult Christian Education

Monday Bible Study at 11,00am in Small Dining Room: All are welcome.

Wednesday Nights 6.00pm to 7.30pm: “Ancient Faiths in Modern Context” led by the Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal on Judaism, Christian Orthodoxy, and Islam. A series of talks by guest speakers from each faith tradition will take place in Parish Hall on October, 6, 13, and Nov 3.

Sundays at 9.15am in Parish Hall: Rector’s Forum

Sundays at 9.15am in the Loft: Young Adult Book Group Discussion on Rachel Held Evans’ *Searching for Sundays : Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church* led by Nick and Alice Prillaman in the Loft. Copies of the book are available in the bookstore.

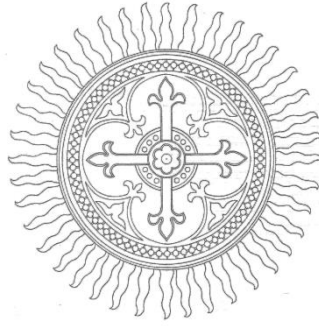
Blessing of the Animals TONIGHT at 5pm: All pets and their owners are invited to join in this popular service held in the labyrinth. All animals must be crated or on a leash. The Humane Shelter will be here with pets for adoption and we will also have a food truck here called WhoHungry!

October Speaker Series Begins Wednesday Oct 6th! Join us for dinner in the Parish Hall at 6pm followed by a talk by the Rabbi Scott Looper of Temple Beth Or as part of our Ancient Faiths in Modern Context series!

Centering Prayer Wednesdays at 11:30am begins Oct. 6th 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

The Light Campaign: We had a great start to the Light Campaign to raise money for our stained glass window repair. If you have not pledged to the campaign, please consider giving soon. Pledge cards are in the mail, and also available at church. The next opportunity to gather and socialize about the project will be Oct. 17 at 5pm. Please join us for one of those meetings.

Bazaar News: Don’t be shy! Bring your treasure attic items for the Bazaar. Pantry cooking continues every Tuesday & Thursday at 9am; come join us in the kitchen! Want to volunteer but don’t know where? Contact our volunteer coordinator, Mary Nelms Parsons and she’ll find you a spot! mnp Parsons@kellyaerospace.com.



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