

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama



THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.30 a.m. • Sep 26th, 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 *Largo e spiccato (Concerto in d minor)* J.S. Bach after A. Vivaldi
Come, Holy Ghost, Lord Creator Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn 427 *When morning gilds the skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

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

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

Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Epistle: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 709 *O God of Bethel by whose hand*

DUNDEE

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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 John and Deonna our clergy.
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)

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 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 service may include the following lay eucharistic commission.

Clergy: We send you out to take communion to those who cannot be with us this day.

People: **May you carry our prayers as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

After the lay eucharistic visitors depart the Celebrant continues and the people pray together

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 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*
(Omit stanzas denoted by *)

MARION

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in F*

David Johnson

Today's Servers

Acolytes: Cate Peeples, Bobby Eskridge, Robert Wells, Thomas Lawlor, Sarah Johnston

Lector and Intercessor: Dudley Perry and Kat Dailey

Eucharistic Ministers: Fairley MacDonald and Rich Anderson

Ushers: Radney Ramsey, Brice Johnston, Mary Nelms Parsons, Wyatt Wells

Altar Guild: Jean Drummond

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanne Drummond, Bette Smith, Debbie Schremser

Videographer: Scott Mitchell

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

Altar Flowers given in memory of: George Edward von Gal, Suzanne Bellingrath von Gal, William Bellingrath von Gal, Donald Burton Holmes, James Townsend Merwin

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

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Joe Carter, David, Arthur Femenella, Sr., Frank, Lisa Gendron, 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

Adult Christian Education Has Started!

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. Classes on Sept 15, 22, and 29 are via Zoom. A series of talks by guest speakers from each faith tradition will take place in Parish Hall on October, 6, 13, and 20. Contact Deonna for the Zoom link.

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 on Oct. 3rd 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!

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. There will be two more campaign gatherings to celebrate, socialize and learn more about the project: Sept. 26 at 11:30am and Oct. 17 at 5pm. Please join us for one of those meetings.

Pantry Cooking has Begun: Cooking for the Bazaar pantry has started. Cooking is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. Pantry Chair Betsy Cannon would love to have anyone come join the cooking team, you don’t even need your own apron!

SUNDAY, September 26

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am Sunday School— Education Building
Rector’s Forum—Parish Hall
Young Adult’s Group—Loft
EYC Meeting—3rd Floor
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30 am Capital Campaign Gathering
7:00 pm Family Story Time (Facebook Live)

MONDAY, September 27

8:10 am Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)
11:00 am Bible Study

TUESDAY, September 28

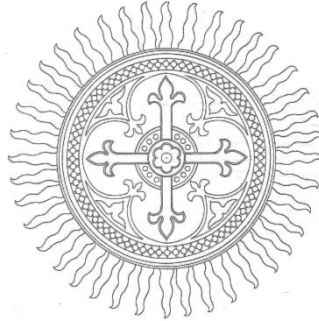
7:00 am Holy Eucharist in Chapel
10:00 am Pantry Cooking
9:00 pm Compline (Facebook Live)

WEDNESDAY, September 29

8:10 am Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)
6:00 pm Adult Formation Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, September 30

10:00 am Pantry Cooking
12:05 pm Holy Eucharist in Chapel
1:30 pm Archives Committee
5:30 pm Instrumentalist Rehearsal
9:00 pm Compline (Facebook Live)



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