



# St. John's Episcopal Church

**Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10:30 a.m.**  
**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**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.*

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## **HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

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**THE PRELUDE** *Andante (Trio in d minor)* J.S. Bach  
*Prelude and Fughetta on 'All Glory Be to God on High'* J.L. Krebs

**THE OPENING HYMN** 616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION** *All stand.*  
*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

## THE 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 - mighty 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.*

### THE FIRST LESSON: HOSEA 1:2-10

A Reading from Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.”

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.”

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 85

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O Lord; \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

<sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

<sup>4</sup>Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

<sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
 will you prolong your anger from age to age?  
<sup>6</sup>Will you not give us life again, \*  
 that your people may rejoice in you?  
<sup>7</sup>Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
 and grant us your salvation.  
<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
 that his glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
 and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

#### THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 12:6-15

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 711 *Seek ye first, the kingdom of God*

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

*Remain standing.*

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'"

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

*All sit.*

#### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant and People say together*

**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 (FORM VI)

*All kneel as able*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda and Brian our Bishops, Duncan  
and Mark our priests, Mawande our deacon, and all bishops and other  
ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal  
kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive  
us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so  
uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of  
life, to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

#### THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

*All stand to sing the offertory verse when the offertory is brought up to the altar.*

**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 (PRAYER A)

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up 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; 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 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.\_\_\_\_\_

*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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

*The priest receives the Sacrament, and then serves the people with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or station on the floor.*

*Communicants may receive the wine by intinction or by drinking directly from the cup.*

#### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*All kneel as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

**of the most precious Body and Blood**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Go now as people in whom love and fidelity embrace;  
peace and justice kiss.  
Live your lives in Christ,  
rooted and built up in him,  
full of thanksgiving  
and praying as he taught us.

And may God give good gifts in answer to your prayers;  
May Christ Jesus establish you in the faith;  
And may the Holy Spirit pour out heaven's riches upon you. Amen.

#### THE CLOSING HYMN 473 *Lift high the cross*

#### THE DISMISSAL

*When the clergy have moved to the front door of the church, the Deacon then sings*

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

#### THE POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross*

Craig Phillips

#### TODAY'S SERVERS

**Clergy:** The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*  
The Reverend H. Mawande Mzongwana, *Associate Rector*

**Director of Children's Formation:** Sarah Collier

**Acolytes:** Bobby Bradford, Nancy Bradford

**Altar Guild:** James Rinehart

**Lector and Intercessor:** Reg McLane, Scott Mitchell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Betsy Cannon, Mary Hughes

**Ushers/Greeters:** Margaret Ann Selman, Rich Anderson,  
Elizabeth Lawlor, Bill Johnson

**Flower Guild:** Jean Smyth, Karen Westhauser

**Flower Delivery Team:** Jeanne Drummond, Debbie & George Wakefield

**Videographer:** Ken Kline

**Instrumentalists:** Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *bassoon*;  
Robby Gibson, *guitar*

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Elise L. Heilpern,  
Florence & Walter Lobman, Andy Taccetta

#### Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Rick Durden, Carolyn Fillmore, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes,  
Valinda Johnson, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie  
McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth  
Potter, Jim Power, Shirley Price, Scott Simmons, Tade Smilie, Johnny Smith,  
Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

#### Prayers are also requested for these friends:

Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, John Ferguson, Bob  
Geddie, Margaret Hixon, Stephanie Holmes, Janet Hutto, Charles Lewis,  
Leslie Little, Karen Pacheco, Pam Slate, Ron Skoneki, Madera Spenser,  
Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner, Frank Winkler,  
Sharon Carney Wright

*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 July:** Linda Hutchinson, Jean Smyth, Elaine Galt,  
Mary Anne Durr, Renee Carlisle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Honduras Mission is Underway!**

Please pray for our Honduras Mission Team as they begin their travels this week. There are six team members arriving in Honduras on July 23 to begin the preparations needed for a week of clinics with 13 more team members flying in on July 26. The first clinic will be July 27 and there will be five other clinics in various communities during the week. The St. John's team will be joined by thirty to forty Honduran team members who will work alongside them.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks August 10**

Blessing of the Backpacks is scheduled for Sunday, August 10. All children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the All Age Service OR 10:30 am service, and they will receive a special blessing and blessing tag for the new school year.

### **Heavenly Hosts Covered Dish Supper**

Adults covered dish supper August 12 at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Jim and Seibels Marshall. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

### **All Ages Worship Service**

Join us this summer (through Aug. 31) for a short, lively service for all ages. We'll sing, pray, have Communion together, and enjoy an interactive message from 9:30—10 a.m. in the third floor of the education building.

### **Bach's Lunch Summer Concert Series**

The last of the Bach's Lunch concert series will be Wednesday, July 30. Join us for a short concert and then enjoy lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall. You may order a box lunch from the church website or bring your own brown bag lunch. A limited number of lunches will be available, so please pre-order by Monday at 2 p.m. See the Concerts tab on the St. John's website for more details.

**Visitors: Welcome!** We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with information about you and your family so that we can better serve you.

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