



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**  
**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## **HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

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THE PRELUDE

*Canzona*  
*Pavane*

Girolamo Frescobaldi  
Gabriel Faure

THE OPENING HYMN 523 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the first line of the Gloria, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

King, al - might - y 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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
 you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it; \*  
 it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
 and its branches to the River.

<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
 behold and tend this vine; \*  
 preserve what your right hand has planted.  
<sup>15</sup>They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
 at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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THE EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

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A Reading from the book of Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and

mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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THE SEQUENCE HYMN 661 *They cast their nets in Galilee*

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

*Remain standing.*

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

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

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

*Celebrant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, and for those who serve in our local hospitals, care facilities, schools, colleges, and correctional facilities; for those who serve in law enforcement and in the legal system; for members of the military and those serving overseas, especially Ben and Eric.  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; for our President Donald, our Governor Kay, and our Mayor Steven; for members of our state legislature, and our national representatives and senators, that there may be respectful and bipartisan governance for the welfare of our nation and of the world; and for victims of violence and conflict, especially in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation, and an awareness and sense of gratitude for the beauty of the world around us;

**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; for Stewart our seminarian, and for 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.**

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THE PEACE

*The people stand to greet one another.*

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit.*

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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sing a Song of Joy* Thomas Campion

*Sing a song of joy, praise our God with mirth. His flock who can destroy? Is he not Lord of heav'n and earth?  
Sing we then secure, tuning well our strings, with voice as echo pure let us renown the King of Kings,  
First who taught the day from the east to rise; whom doth the sun obey when in the seas his glory dies.  
He the stars directs, that in order stand. Who heav'n and earth protects but he that fram'd them with his hand?  
Let us then rejoice, sounding loud his praise, so will he hear our voice, and bless on earth our peaceful days.*

*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.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

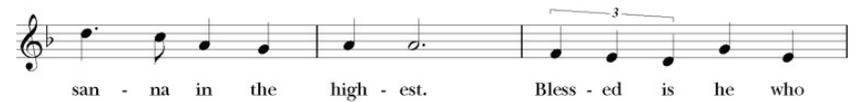
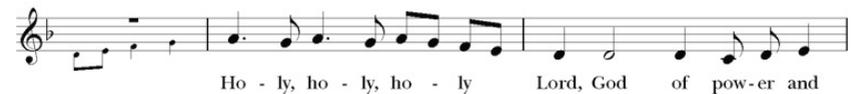
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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:



*All kneel as able.*

*Celebrant* 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*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.**

*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.*

*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.

**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

*Celebrant* Go now with your eyes on Jesus,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.  
Lay aside the ways of sin,  
bring forth a harvest of justice and righteousness,  
and run with perseverance  
the race that is set before us.

And may God turn to you and cherish you;  
May Christ Jesus surround you with the light of his presence;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you life and strength. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* *All stand.*

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 *March in C* Louis Lefebure-Wely

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TODAY'S SERVERS

**Clergy:** The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*  
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**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

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

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Willa Rutland Thames, Priscilla Marks Thornton, Katherine Marks Trawick, Zachary Trawick, Zachary Trawick, Jr., Churchill Marks, Charles Lewis Marks, Priscilla Scott Marks Llyde Ray Thames, James Aubrey Tankersley, Mary Levis Hardy, Daniel Clay Wilson, Mary Hames Wilson, L. Dan Wilson, L. Dan Wilson, Jr., Mark Howard Wilson, Stephanie Stough Stone, Sherrian Tankersley Bloomquist

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

Nancy Buzard, Rosa Davis, Rick Durden, 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, Johnny Smith, Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

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

Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes, Janet Hutto, Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Karen Pacheco, Pat and Shirley Patterson, 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 August:** Libby Beck, Seibels Marshall, Emily Wise, Fairlie Herron, Jennifer Thompson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Kickoff Sunday: Sunday School, Ministry Signups, and More**

You do not want to miss Kickoff Sunday on September 7! Sunday school will begin at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to stay for a picnic lunch directly following the 10:30 service. St. John's will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. There will be water inflatables for the children, so do not forget to bring swimsuits and beach towels. Kickoff Sunday also marks the beginning of a new opportunities to sign up for ministries for the coming year.

### **New Rector's Forum: "Scrolling Ourselves to Death"**

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. | Beginning September 14 | St. John's Library  
How is constant connectivity shaping our souls? Join us for a new Rector's Forum exploring the impact of technology, social media, and digital distraction on our spiritual lives. Inspired by cultural commentary and grounded in faith, "Scrolling Ourselves to Death" invites honest conversation about how we can live more intentionally in a wired world.

### **Just Two More Opportunities for All Ages Worship**

Join us this summer (May 11-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. on the third floor of the education building.

### **Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed**

First and Fifth Mondays of each month. St. John's is partnering with MACOA to deliver meals to seniors in our community. Ride-along training is available. Email [constance@stjohnsmontgomery.org](mailto:constance@stjohnsmontgomery.org) for more information or to sign up.

### **Mercy House**

Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m - 1 p.m. each Thursday to serve hot meals at Mercy House. Mercy House is a day shelter serving West Montgomery by providing access to food, clothing, shower facilities and laundry facilities. For questions or more information, please contact Stephanie Norrell at 334-467-6989.

## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

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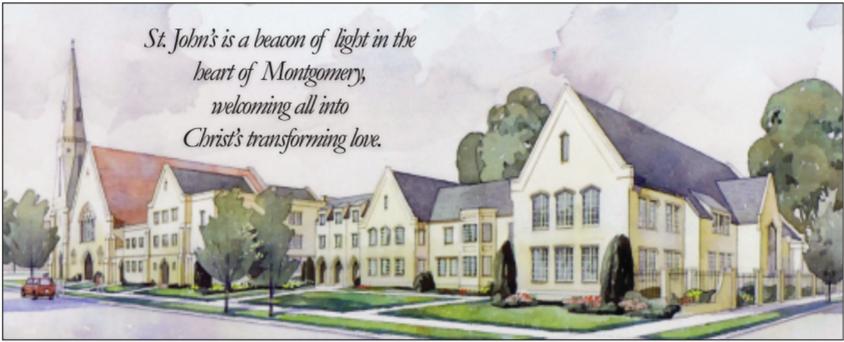
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you are a part of the St. John's family.

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