



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

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THE PRELUDE	<i>Reverie</i>	William Harris
	<i>O Mortal, Desireth Thou Life?</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude

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

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355) *All stand.*

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*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.**

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be -  
 hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*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.

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THE LESSONS

*All sit.*

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THE FIRST LESSON: LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6

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A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

The thought of my trouble and my homelessness \*  
is as bitter as wormwood and gall.

**My mind dwells on it continually; \***

**my soul is weighed down within me.**

When I remember this, I have hope: \*

by God's kindness, we are not destroyed;

**for God's mercies are never-ending \***

**and are new every morning.**

How great is your faithfulness, O God! \*

"You are my portion," says my soul, "therefore I hope in you."

**You are good to those who wait with patience, \***

**to every soul that seeks you.**

It is good to wait, even in silence, \*

for the salvation of the Lord.

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THE EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

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A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing

of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 469 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

*Remain standing.*

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. H. Mawande Mzongwana

*All sit.*

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: THE SERVICE OF ADMISSION

**PRESIDER:** It is my privilege to present Gelind Johnston, Laura Knapp, and Katie Wood as candidates for membership in The Orders of the Daughters of the King.

**CLERGY:** We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to admit these women into The Order of the Daughters of the King. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people.

*Addressing the candidates*

**CLERGY:** The Daughters of the King is an order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism. Do you desire to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King?

**CANDIDATES: I do.**

**CLERGY:** Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

**CANDIDATES: I do, with God's help.**

**CLERGY:** In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive and admit you as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King.

*Addressing the congregation*

**CLERGY:** Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?

**CONGREGATION: We will.**

*The clergy blesses the crosses*

**CLERGY:** Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. Amen.

*Each new member is presented her cross with the following words*

Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."

**NEW MEMBERS: Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ALL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**CLERGY:** May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

*Prayers will now be offered for the installation of DoK officers and for this parish family.*

#### 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 ANTHEM

*Never Weather-Beaten Saile*

Thomas Campion

*Never weather-beaten saile more willing bent to shore, never tyred pilgrims limbs affected slumber more; then my weary spright now longs to flye out of my troubled breast. O come quickly, glorious Lord and raise my spright to rest.*

*Never tyred pilgrims limbs affected slumber more; cold age deafes not there our eares nor vapour dims our eyes. Glory there the sun out shines, whose beames the blessed onely see. O come quickly, glorious Lord, and take my soule to rest.*

*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, (BCP P. 361)

*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 (BCP P. 364)

*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.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **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 AGNUS DEI

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*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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*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

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*Celebrant* Go now, relying on the power of God.

Guard the good treasure God has entrusted to you  
and hold firm to the teaching of the apostles.  
Remember one another in your prayers  
and continue to offer yourselves for the gospel.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace;  
May Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;  
And may the Holy Spirit live within you  
and rekindle good gifts within you. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 555 *Lead on, O King eternal*

*All stand.*

THE DISMISSAL

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

The musical notation is presented in three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Deacon' and contains the lyrics 'Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff is unlabeled but continues the melody with the lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia.'. The third staff is labeled 'People' and contains the lyrics 'Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The music is written in a single melodic line on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

THE POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in F*

David Johnson

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**Clergy:** The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*

The Reverend Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

The Reverend H. Mawande Mzongwana, *Associate Rector*

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

**Director of Youth Ministries:** J.R. Marshall

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**Altar Guild:** Libby Beck, Chuck Moore

**Lector and Intercessor:** Ashley Hamlett, Debbie Schremser

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Betsy Cannon, Maria Pacheco

**Ushers/Greeters:** Chuck Ocheltree, Mary Martin Mitchell, Karen Westhauser, Cole Wise

**Flower Guild:** Betsy Cannon, Mary Martin Mitchell

**Flower Delivery Team:** Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews, Stanley Marks

**Videographer:** Sam Collier

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

**Altar Flowers are 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, Anna Cecile Bennett, Cecile Morgan Webb

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

Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Bill Marks, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Hawthorne Ramsey, Caroline Serrato, Debbie Steindorff, Barbara Wallace

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Willie "Bill" Carden, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes, Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Margaret Moore, 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 October:** Murray Bennett, Carrie Shaw, Margaret Peeples, Caroline Lawson, Doris Ball

### **Fall Speaker Series: AI & the Church**

Join us Wednesday nights in October as we examine what effects Artificial Intelligence has on our faith and daily lives. St. John's welcomes Dr. Jim Locke, Executive Director of AI Research and Education at Troy University Montgomery. Dinner at 6, teaching & discussion at 6:30.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Today at 5 p.m. in the Labyrinth. Bring your pets for a special blessing from our priests. Everyone is asked to bring a donation of pet food for the Montgomery Humane Society. No animal is too big or small, we simply ask that they be in a crate or on a leash.

### **Heavenly Hosts**

Adults covered dish supper Tuesday, October 14. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us at the home of Helen Wells, 2332 Rosemont Circle, 36106. Soft drinks will be provided by the church, but you are welcome to bring additional beverages.

### **Calling All Crafters**

The St. John's Arts and Crafts group is looking for handmade, unique items to be sold at this year's Bazaar. Contact Murray Bennett at 334-430-8660 for more details.

### **Silent Auction Items Needed**

Please consider donating items for the Bazaar Silent Auction that will encourage competitive bidding. Paintings, signed prints, decorative arts, home accessories and jewelry are just a few examples of items that sell well (no furniture, please). Bring donations to the church educational building marked "Silent Auction." Contact Jean Smyth, [je@smyth3.com](mailto:je@smyth3.com) with any questions.

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

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. How is constant connectivity shaping our souls? Join us for the Rector's Forum exploring the impact of technology, social media, and digital distraction on our spiritual lives.

### **ECW Conference Coming Soon**

The Diocese of Alabama ECW Fall Conference, October 17-18, will be hosted by our Montgomery Convocation, with the Friday afternoon portion held at St. John's. Contact Kathleen Bradford at [kbradbrad@aol.com](mailto:kbradbrad@aol.com) for more information. Register at [stjohnsmontgomery.org/events/ecw-fall-conference](http://stjohnsmontgomery.org/events/ecw-fall-conference).



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