

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Day of Pentecost • July 7, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals located in the pews. Mask wearing during worship is optional.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

OPENING HYMN • 48

O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Valdrögelein

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE • S 280

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 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. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Father:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF SAMUEL

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 48

Magnus Dominus

(Read responsively)

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

**2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**

3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

**4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.**

5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

**6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

**8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.**

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

**10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.**

11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

**12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.**

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sr. Eleanor Francis

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray now for our own needs and the needs of others.

God of all, bless your universal Church, and especially our presiding bishop, Michael, our own bishop, Carlye, the members of our diocese and those who worship with us today. Fill us with your Spirit as we share your love and spread your Good News in the world around us.

God of Resurrection,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation in using their authority wisely and seeking the common good. We especially pray for the leaders of Ukraine and Russia, and all countries facing war or political upheaval.

God of Wisdom,

Hear our prayer.

In our nation, help us to overcome our divisions, to see your image in each other's faces and to remember our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being.

God of Life,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to be good stewards of the air, water and earth around us and all their inhabitants, that all may share in their bounty and sustenance.

Creator of All,

Hear our prayer.

Provide for your children throughout the world. Help all obtain the resources they need to nourish their bodies, minds and souls to live the abundant lives you have prepared for them.

Champion of the Poor,

Hear our prayer.

Protect all people suffering from violence or oppression. Comfort those who live in fear or loneliness. Bless prisoners and their families. Aid those who are sick, those suffering from addiction and those dear to our congregation, especially Sylvent, Patricia, Carl, John, Joan P. and Bill.

Eternal Healer,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect all people suffering from violence or oppression. Comfort those who live in fear or loneliness. Bless prisoners and their families. Aid those who are sick, those suffering from addiction and those dear to our congregation, especially Carl, Elmada, Jackie, Brett, Lori S., Charlotte M., Michelle J., Donna, Steve D., Jack, and Rev. Sharon.

Lord of Life,

Hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, the families and friends you have given us to love, and the healing and new opportunities you offer to us.

God of Abundance,

Hear our prayer.

Please feel free to offer your own petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

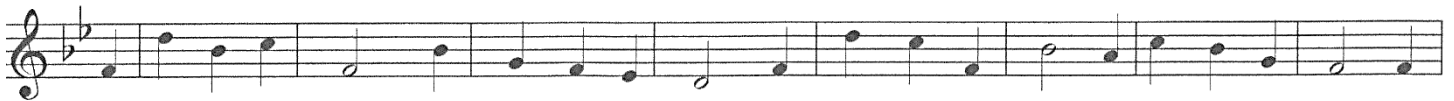
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

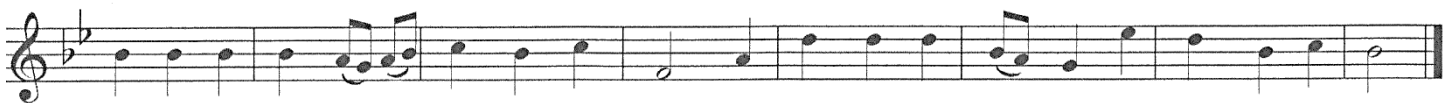
An offering is received to support St. John's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

PRESENTATION HYMN • 432 (vv. 1, 4)

Laudate Dominum



O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light; ye
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks-giv - ing and song to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long! For



hea - vens a - dore him by whom ye were made, and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
love in cre - a - tion for hea - ven re - stored, for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

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.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
 we give thanks to you,
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may X descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.
 Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
 Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.
 And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessèd Mary the Godbearer, Blessèd John the Apostle and Evangelist, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM • S 155

Christ our Passover

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le 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.

COMMUNION HYMN • 341

For the bread which you have broken

Omni Dei

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • 778 *(Green Hymnal)*

We all are one in mission

Nyland

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Leading and supporting our worship today

The Rev. Sr. Eleanor Francis *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Sr. *Deacon*

Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*

Ms. Carolyn Borlo *Lector*

Mr. Wyatt Sikora *Pianist*