



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 6 B)

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

June 13, A.D. 2021

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite newcomers to fill out a visitor's card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy. You are also welcome to join us for lemonade on the lawn following the service.

If you have young children, please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms.

Hearing assistance devices are also located at the rear exit of the church. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Audio-induction hearing loops are available for use with hearing aids.

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary
Hymn 427

Tierce en taille
When morning gilds the skies

Jean Guilain
Laudes Domini

Acclamation and Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Gloria in excelsis

Setting: Robert J. Powell, Hymnal S-280

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

NRSV

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

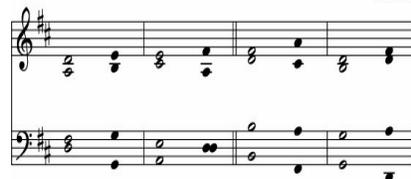
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the /LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most /High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the /morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night /season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the /lyre, *
and to the melody of the /harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O /LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your /hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a /palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of /Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the /LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our /God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in /old age; *
they shall be green and /succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the /LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no /fault.



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New Testament Lesson: II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

NRSV

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. . . .

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 623

O what their joy and their glory must be

O quanta qualia

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

NRSV

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith

The Nicene Creed

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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 III

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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;
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;
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.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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 share in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*
The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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.

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* celebrate(s) another year. Grant that *they* may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(8:45) Children's Sermon

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Christ hath a garden

Folk tune, arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come: that he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green. —Robert Bridges, +1930

Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . 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.

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Holy and gracious Father, . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, . . . now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Page 364
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.

Fraction anthem: Christ our Passover (David Hurd, Hymnal S-154)

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.

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Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand or kneel to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 490	<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Houston
Hymn 624	<i>Jerusalem the golden</i>	Ewing
Hymn 302	<i>Father, we thank thee who has planted</i>	Rendez à Dieu

Postcommunion Prayer

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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.

Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread using these words:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

The Celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 527

Singing songs of expectation

Ton-y-Botel

The Dismissal: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Trumpet in C major

Henry Purcell

Looking ahead to the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 20 (Proper 7B)
Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!

Beginning today masks and social distancing are optional for the fully vaccinated, and reserving your place for services is not required. One area of the nave is set aside for required masks and distancing, however.

The Summer Schedule begins next Sunday, June 20 with the Holy Eucharist being offered in the church at 8:00 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:00 a.m. (Rite II).

Summer Choir begins June 20! Each Sunday of the summer schedule, singers ages 8-88+ are invited to sing in the summer choir. Rehearsal begins at 9:15 a.m. to prepare hymns and an easy anthem for the 10:00 a.m. service. There's no weekly rehearsal or long-term commitment. Mask use is optional for the fully vaccinated. Come join us!

Hagar's Basket served 94 families on May 19. Every month we need soap, shampoo, diapers, wipes, tooth brushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. You may leave your gifts in the collection bin outside the church. Thanks for your help!

Lost and Found is located in the reception area.

Zoom Daily Office: Monday through Thursday, Morning Prayer (7:30), Evening Prayer (5:00), and Compline (9:00) are offered via Zoom. See the "online church" page on the web site for links to join the services.

Deacon Wendy Merrill is in the office Tuesday-Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call the office for an appointment. She's also a chaplain intern at Mercy Hospital and is happy to visit you or a loved one. Contact Wendy@stje.org

Receptionist Volunteers Needed! The church office is in need of several volunteers to man (or woman!) the receptionist's desk during office hours. We currently have an opening for 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. If you are interested, please contact Laura Pruitt in the church office – Laura@stje.org or 704-366-3034, x108.

Volunteers needed for livestreaming ministry. Contact Jamey Graves at the church office, Jamey@stje.org or 704-366-3034, x107.

Lectio Divina Bible study meets via Zoom each Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Contact brad@stje.org for details. The

Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

Centering Prayer meets via Zoom each Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Contact brad@stje.org for details. The Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

Mark your calendars now! for the Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, August 29. More details to follow soon.

The Good Samaritan Fund provides financial assistance to members of the St. John's family. To make a donation to help others, note "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of a check to St. John's.

In case of emergency Heart-start Defibrillators are available in the hallway between the Children's Chapel and the kitchen and behind the door under the balcony in the Nave. Instructions are printed inside the box.

Let Us Pray - The Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray for you! Send an e-mail to jpdigcharlotte@gmail.com or fill out a prayer card from the church pews. All requests are confidential.

Prayer List

Please note that names on the printed prayer list will appear in the bulletin for four weeks but will continue to remain on the Intercessory Prayer Group's ongoing list until they are notified to remove the name.

Pray for members: Joyce Newton, Lila Koss, Peter Hatten, Nancy MacMillan, Christ & Marge Koconis, Nancy Mahaffey, Woody Winslow, Bobbie Cox, Tom Albergotti, Judy DiGregorio, Vann Taylor, Charlie Dickinson, Carolyn Morris, Jeff Searcy, Jane & Charlie Burdick, Louise Cooke, Jane McGowan, Sid Leeds, Ann Bragunier, David Beard, Donna Weinstein, Anne Horn, Elijah Hochstrasser, Sally Mueller, Kylie Matteson, Rita Lewis, Mary Swiggum, Cyndi Womble, David Raymond, Phil Hoekwater, Nell Fraser, Jim Riddle, Jonathan Conlan, Sherrie Rochester, Kim Forbes, Julie Williams, Geof Longstaff, Bo Rochester, Chris Richardson, Spencer Wooten, Faison Hicks, **Margaret Dwyer**

Pray for friends and relatives: Louis George (father of Sharon George), Catherine Martin (daughter of Bill & Mary Jo Dudley), Chris Forbes (brother of Kerry Johnson and Kim Forbes), Frankie Fitzgerald (friend of Leon Hoffer), Rita & Stephanie (friends of Phyllis Mitchell), Susan Searcy (daughter of Jeff Searcy), Keith Cunningham (friend of Yvette Charles), Reuben Hufham (friend of Sandy Clark & many SJE members), **Scott Manson** (friend of Sindy McCrystle), **Debbie Atardi & family** (friends of Kathy Arthur), **Judy Huestess** (friend of Nancy Nye)

Pray for those in military service: Frederick Huiet, Ryan Livingston, Dan Sullivan, Greg Jones, Jim Myrick, Bernard David, Damien Mitchell, Kevin Dellicker, Michael Berger, Mark Lenhart, Geoff Sey, Thomas Everett, Evan John, Brandon Wilson, Michael Taylor McCormick, James Simpson, David Bell, Steven Placke, Thomas Jones, Jr., Thomas Cooper, Tyler Thomas, Pat Carter, Joe Rader, Kyle Norton, Adam Stein, Tommy Heagney, Sarah Maness, Luciano Provazano, Angelo DeMatteo, Ryan Harwell, John Pineda, Jonathan Conlan, Aidan McKenna, Tom Clapp

Pray for those who have died: **Nancy MacMillan**, Rick Bonnell (friend of Bill Nuttall), Carol Hill (former SJE member), Irene Leith (aunt of John & Anne Horn)

Pray in thanksgiving for birthdays and anniversaries – June 13-19

Birthdays: June Alexander, Elizabeth Andrews, Julie Bleimann, Andrea Brewer, Eric Britton, Chris Carabell, David Cash, Kiersten DeVine, Gray Donohoe, Anne-Louise Fitzgerald, Erin Hild-Ladebauche, Heather Hogston, Reagan Johnson, Tony Lennard, Campbell McClellan, Louise Medlin, Anna Montgomery, Marie Montgomery, Brady Mullis, Maggie Murden, Tracy Reed, Aidan Sands, Carol Secrist, Kevin Stichter, Chris Williams, Mike Zutty

Anniversaries: Joe & Shelley Bonnin, Justin & Sandy Carlson, Allen & Jaclyn John, Christ & Marge Koconis, Ron & Virginia Kohl, Randi & Ryan McCurry, Dylan & Katie Morris

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by **Bo & Beverly Rochester** in thanksgiving for the **62nd anniversary** of their marriage.*

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Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime
Mr. Jamey Graves, Associate for Technology and Music

Vestry

Julie Bleimann, Merrill Gowdy, Mike Harrington, John Horn (Senior Warden),
Will Jetton, Erin Lyman, Greg McAbee, Sarah Morgan, John Patrick,
Dan Robertson, Elizabeth Sigmon (Junior Warden), Jen Walker (Clerk)



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