

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 23

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8am & 10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

COME JOIN US

TODAY

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Neuro-Spicy Group @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Indigenous People Day - Office CLOSED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Group Meeting @ 1pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Women of St. John's @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- St. John's School College Fair

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12pm
- Stewardship In-Gathering

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude

The people stand.

10:30AM

Hymn #1

Father, we praise thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

8AM
Gloria

BCP pg. 356

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:30AM

WLP 825 Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Lector A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 66:1-11

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before
you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector A reading from Saint Paul's second letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Hymn #397

Now thank we all our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (17:11-19)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

The people stand.

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:
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

Deacon With the Lord's encouraging words resounding in our hearts, let us
frame again the prayers which linger in all human hearts, saying:
Hear us, O Lord.

We are weary of war and threats of war. Let us pray for peace in our
world, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

We fear for our children. Let us pray for all children, their health
and well-being, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord**

We are anxious about our security. Let us pray for an end to hunger and want, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord**

We yearn for faith in an uncertain world. Let us pray for all who preach the gospel, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord**

We tremble at our own vulnerability. Let us pray for the victims of illness, accident, and disaster, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

We mourn for those who have died. Let us pray for those who are now in the nearer presence of our Lord, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

We carry worry in our hearts. Let us pray for the needs we can hardly bear to name, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray especially for **Tom, Ron, Greg, Terra, Bob, Carol, David, Kim, Etta, Phillip, Ivy, Steve, Celeste, and Mary**, and those who are on our hearts and minds, saying,
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

Officiant Loving God, our Father, you fashioned the human heart; you know the needs that make it ache. Hear us, your children, praying as your Son taught us. His is the name we invoke; his is the kingdom we await: Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon 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 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 of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



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Anthem: Canticle of Thanksgiving

Schweizer

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

The people stand.

People The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

People Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy
 God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us
with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and
call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful
of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Celebrant continues.

8AM

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30AM

Sanctus 128 Holy, holy, holy

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, dishonored one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with beloved John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

**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.**

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며,
나라이 임하옵시며,
뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이
땅에서도 이루어지이다.
오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고,
우리가 우리에게
죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이
우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고,
우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,
다만 악에서 구하옵소서.
대개 나라와 권세와 영광이
아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to
you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,
those who trust in you will not thirst.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for 'Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to'. The second staff continues with 'you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,'. The third staff concludes with 'those who trust in you will not thirst.' and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Text: John 6; Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people are seated.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, bread and wine or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not instinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

Sending Prayers for Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people stand.

Celebrant and People

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

Hymn #411

O bless the Lord, my soul!

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

Tom Dry
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*This Sunday's altar flowers are given by Glen & Kay Drew
in memory of
JOHN D. & LEA A. DREW*

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CASSEROLE CLUB**

Join the Casserole Club—an informal, come-as-you-are gathering of individuals united by shared experiences of loss. Sunday, October 19th at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Drop-ins welcome.

- **FAMILY SUPPORT NEEDED**

As a new phase of the Our Neighbor's House Ministry, we are looking to support migrant families in our area facing hardship in managing their lives after deportation or detention of a family member. We hope to form a pod with other congregations to support families whose remaining family members are managing on their own in new circumstances. One immediate area of need is to support a single father and daughter, aged 7 in Silver Spring, who need support navigating activities and support for his daughter to succeed. If you would like to be a pod member, please speak with Deacon Nancy.

- **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Calling all cooks! It's time to time on your aprons and get cooking. Register at www.stjec.org to enter your best chili and/or cornbread.



ENTER YOUR BEST CHILI

CHILI

COOK-OFF

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 15

4:30 - 7pm

ATTENTION ALL COOKS!

Time to tie on your aprons and get cooking!

Cook up your best batch of chili and join us for the Chili Cook-off.

Register NOW through November 9 to participate...



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