THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025 • 10:15 am



In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! We are delighted to worship with you this morning.

This booklet and The Hymnal 1982 (dark blue) provide the resources needed for participation in the service. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

Whether a long-standing parishioner, a new member, or someone joining us for the first time, we hope you will sense God's work within you and in this community.

May our worship strengthen, inspire, and guide us this day and always.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY Concerto per la Chiesa composto dal Signor Telemann arr. J.G. Walther (1684-1748)
I. Fuga II. Allegro III. Allegro

Please stand

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's 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.

People Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and

ever.

People Amen.

THE LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-13

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 Read responsively by half verse

Exultate Deo

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
 "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 437 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord" Birmingham

THE GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Please be seated

THE SERMON

The Reverend Joshua D. Walters, Rector

Please 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.

Please remain standing or kneel

Leader

(Silence)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; People That we all may be one. Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; People That your Name may be glorified by all people. Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; People That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; People That our works may find favor in your sight. Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. People Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; People Let light perpetual shine upon them. Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

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.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you new to the St. John's community? Fill out the newcomer card in the pew or scan the QR code to help us get to know you and help you discover more about life at St. John's.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY The Woodcutter's Song

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Elliot Matheny, *baritone*

He that is down need fear no fall; he that is low, no pride; He that is humble, ever shall have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have, little be it or much; and, Lord, contentment still I crave because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is that go on pilgrimage; here little, and hereafter bliss is best from age to age.

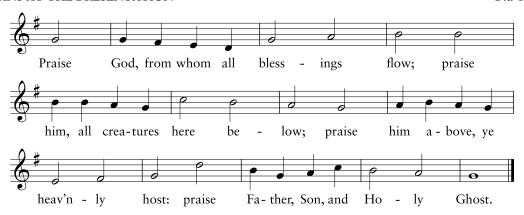
-John Bunyan (1628-1688), A Pilgrim's Progress (1678)

You can make an offering from your smartphone by scanning the QR code. Use the drop-down menu to select "Donations" for a one-time offering, or "2025 Pledges" for a pledge contribution.

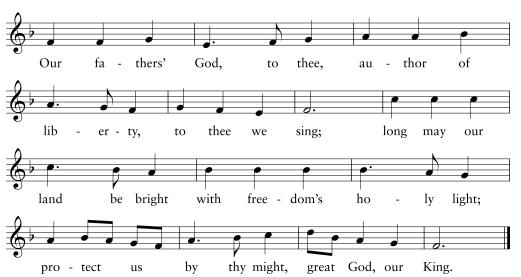


HYMNS AT THE PRESENTATION

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant People
Celebrant People
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

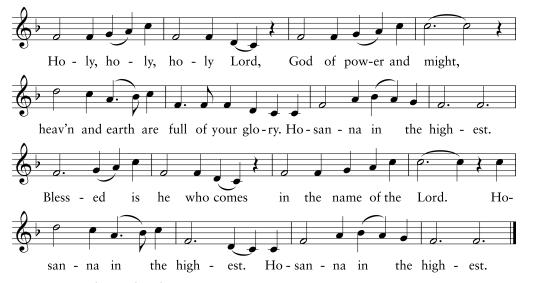
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Land of Rest



Please remain standing or kneel

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made,

we acclaim you, O Christ:

People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, Come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they

may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your

Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time

gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ

died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with

thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and the wine of Holy Communion are God's gifts for God's people.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to receive communion at the altar rail.

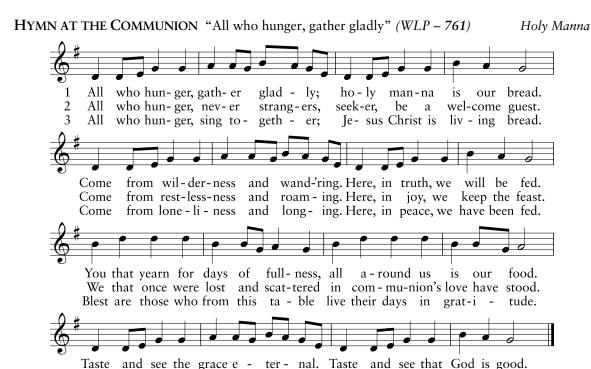
If you require assistance or wish to receive communion at your seat, please inform the ushers.

It is customary to receive communion while kneeling at the altar rail, but remaining standing is also appropriate. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION Come, Thou Fount

Jack Warren Burnam Elliot Matheny, baritone

The anthem text may be found at hymn 686.



Please stand

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

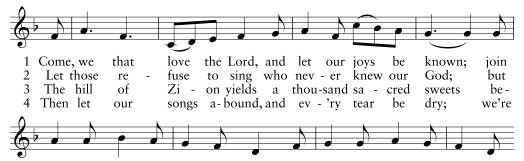
The Celebrant blesses the people.

People Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING "Come, we that love the Lord" (LEVAS II – 12) Marching to Zion



song with sweet ac - cord, join in song with sweet ac a but chil - dren chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, of the heav'n - lv fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march-ing through Im-man - uel's



cord, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne. King, may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad. fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets. ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



We're march-ing to Zi - on,

beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi - on; we're



march-ing upward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

VOLUNTARY Concerto del Signor Vivaldi

arr. Walther

AFTER THE SERVICE, PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP IN SHEARS HALL.

Please welcome Linda Morgan Stowe, our guest organist this morning. Linda recently retired from her position as Chair of Fine Arts and Organist/Choir Director at Saint James School, Hagerstown, Maryland.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Acolytes	10:15 am	Katelyn Tompkins
Lay Readers	8:00 am 10:15 am	Sue Perry and Janie Brambilla Anne Marie McDonald, Katelyn Tompkins, Wallace Benton
Chalice Bearers	8:00 am 10:15 am	Sue Perry and Kevin Swanson Margaret Kerfoot and Nancy Simon
Ushers	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am	Stephanie Simmons Clark Craine Greg Dole, Jack Hannon, Roland Saunders, Dana Sherman
Altar Guild	8:00 am 10:15 am	Kristen Saunders Jeanne Newell and Helene Aiello
Flower Guild		Sue Perry
Hospitality Hosts		Lauren Chewning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KICKOFF SUNDAY PICNIC IS SEPTEMBER 7! Stay after the 10:15 am service for a festive picnic on the front lawn to celebrate the start of the program year. Invite friends and neighbors! Fried chicken and bottled water will be provided.

• If your last name begins with A–O, please bring side dishes. If your last name begins with P–Z, please bring desserts. Kindly drop off your goodies in the circle on your way into church.

Enjoy Moon Bounce, Petting Zoo, Fried Chicken! We need your help to make the picnic a success! Please volunteer! Email Katherine Haskell at haskellkz@gmail.com or call her at 703-798-8918.

WOMEN IN FAITH (WIF)

Tuesday, September 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in Brooks Library (upper floor)

Our first meeting of the program year, and our topic will be Transitions: what do we love/hate about change; what helps us weather difficult transitions; what are we looking forward to next? All women are welcome!

FAITH & FILM - STORIES OF FAITH

This fall we are excited for the return of our Faith & Film series. Meeting at 6:00 pm in Shears Hall on the second Wednesday of the month, we have a lineup of outstanding documentaries that explore the stories of remarkable people and the events that were turning points in their life and faith. You are welcome to bring your dinner or snacks as we enjoy and discuss these films together.

- September 10: The Philadelphia Eleven
- October 8: Weapons of the Spirit
- November 12: I Am Pauli Murray

SUNDAY FORUM: LEGENDS, LIES & LOOT

Sunday, September 14 at 9:15 am in Shears Hall

Come hear the tales of ancient relics, pieces of the "true cross," locks of martyrs' hair or their personal devotional items. All of these drove pilgrimage and its accompanying profit to churches and cathedrals over the centuries. But how much of these stories are rooted in fact and how much is simply legend, and does it matter?

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 14 at 9:15 am in the Community Room (lower floor)

As our children and youth kick off Sunday School for the year, please plan to stick around for a parent meeting. We will talk about what your children will be learning throughout the year, share calendars of events, and discuss how we can best support you in your own faith formation.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF LASER TAG

Sunday, September 14 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm

Join for a thrilling Youth Group launch! The start of a new church year will be celebrated with laser tag right outside the church. All youth in grades 5–12 are welcome. Don't forget comfortable clothes and shoes for running! Questions? Contact Sally Benton at sbenton@stjohnsmclean.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP & MORE! REGISTER NOW! Sunday School resumes September 14! Get a jump on the new program year and register your children for all Children and Youth activities and programming. Please register online at bit.ly/sj-Children-Youth-25-26.

WEDNESDAY HYBRID BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Beginning September 17; Noon to 1:00 pm; In Person (Smoot Conference Room) AND on Zoom The stories of Genesis lay the foundation for the entirety of Christian life and practice. But how did this complicated book come together and how have different interpretations of it changed over the centuries? Join us as we explore these questions and more using Peter Enns and Jared Byas' book *Genesis for Normal People: A Guide to the Most Controversial, Misunderstood, and Abused Book of the Bible.* Copies of the book can be purchased from the Parish Office for \$15. Even if you haven't read the book, you are always welcome to join us for lively and engaging conversation.

NEW! SUPPER CHURCH ON 3RD SUNDAYS

Beginning Sunday, September 21 at 5:00 pm in Shears Hall

Let's gather around the table! Supper Church offers a chance to share a simple meal, enjoy each other's company, engage in conversation about scripture and our daily lives, and share communion in a unique way. A \$5 per person suggested donation (\$20 family max) is appreciated for dinner. Please RSVP at bit.ly/sj-supper-church so we know you're coming.

MEN IN FAITH (MIF) PROGRAM YEAR KICKOFF GATHERING Sunday, September 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Shears Hall

Featuring authentic Texas Bar-B-Que and all the fixings, fellowship, sparkling conversation, and meeting our fellow men of faith in the parish. Bring a big appetite. You'll need it. Sign up at mensgroup@stjohnsmclean.org. You'll regret missing this evening! Did we mention the Bar-B-Que?

BOOKLOVERS DISCUSSION

Tuesday, September 30 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for a discussion of Tan Twan Eng's novel *The Garden of Evening Mists*. Set in Malaysia, a survivor of a Japanese internment camp during World War II becomes an apprentice to a Japanese gardener before pursuing a career in law. The novel explores themes of love, guilt, forgiveness, and enduring trauma of war. Contact Nancy Simon at nancy.simon80@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS!

Are you in your 20s, 30s, or 40s? The St. John's Young Adults group is organizing activities for the upcoming program year. If you would like to be kept in the loop, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/sj-YA-email-signup to add your contact information. We will send out monthly invitations for upcoming events. Feel free to reach out to stjohnsmcleanyoungadults@gmail.com if you have any questions.



COUNTDOWN TO DEADLINE FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Please submit a selfie, portrait, or a summer shot of the family. Horizontal (landscape) orientation is best. Email photos to **photodirectory@stjohnsmclean.org**. One photo per household group. Don't delay—we'll be gathering photos until the deadline of September 30. Want to have your photo taken for you? Watch this space for the next photo-taking opportunity at church coming soon.

PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 31, 2025

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, and Adult Christian Formation leaders.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Jane-Scott Cantus, Elliott Aliff, Liliana DeLong, Jack Goehring, Cynthia Kennedy, Jennie Bishof, Tom Faulders, Charlie Bray, Anna Toloczko, Georgia Walker, David Poe, and Teresa Tuerff; and for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week: Suzanne & Mel Zurn, Ramona & John Speicher, Laura & Zac Merriman, and Sondra & Greg May.

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We pray for the departed, especially Kamran "Buddy" Golesorkhi, and for all who mourn.

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