

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 | 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 *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION 216 “Hail thee, festival day”

Salve festa dies

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly

King, al - might - y 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 Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-4, 33-36 *sung by the choir to a chant by Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)*

Exsurgat Deus

Antiphon: choir, then all



Sing to God, O king-doms of the earth; sing prais-es to the Lord.

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Antiphon: all



Sing to God, O king-doms of the earth; sing prais-es to the Lord.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 215 "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"

In Babilone

*Children who wish can follow the leaders to Children's Chapel.
They will return at the Peace, following the Prayers of the People.*

THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

Please be seated

THE SERMON

The Reverend Joshua D. Armstrong-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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Loving Savior, you have ascended into heaven and sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Receive our prayers of praise, intercession, lamentation, and thanksgiving, as we say,
Risen Lord:
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

WELCOME & 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.*



END-OF-PROGRAM-YEAR RECOGNITIONS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *God Is Gone Up*

Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for all.

O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King.

He hath led captivity captive and received gifts for all.

Alleluia. God is gone up on high.

-Psalm 47:5-6; 68:18

*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 "2026 Pledges" for a pledge contribution.*

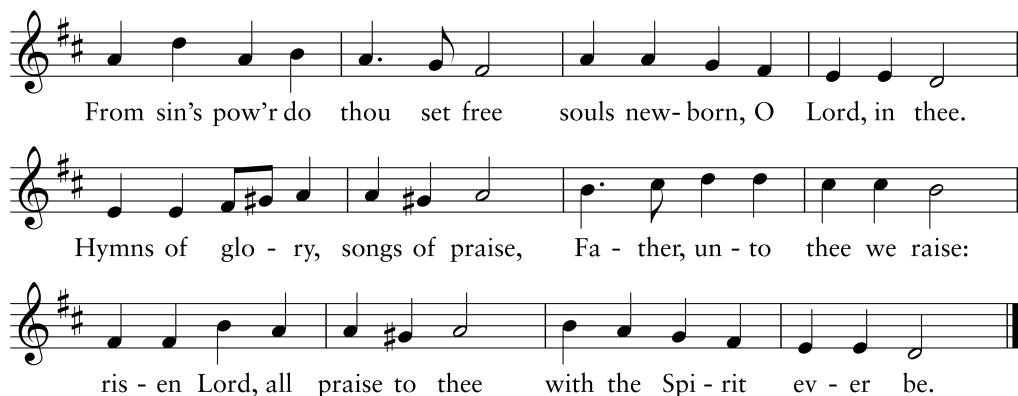


Please stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Salzburg





From sin's pow'r do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.**

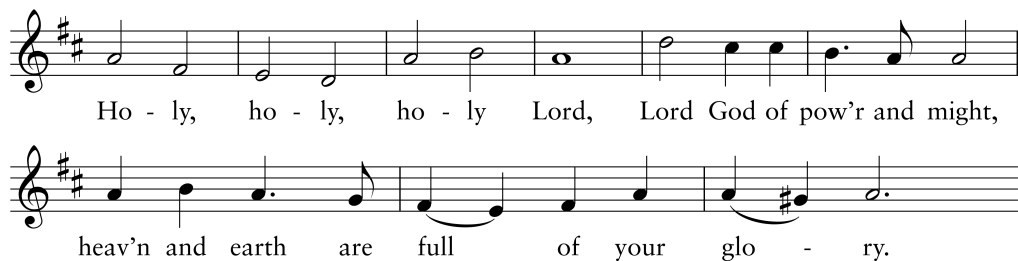
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

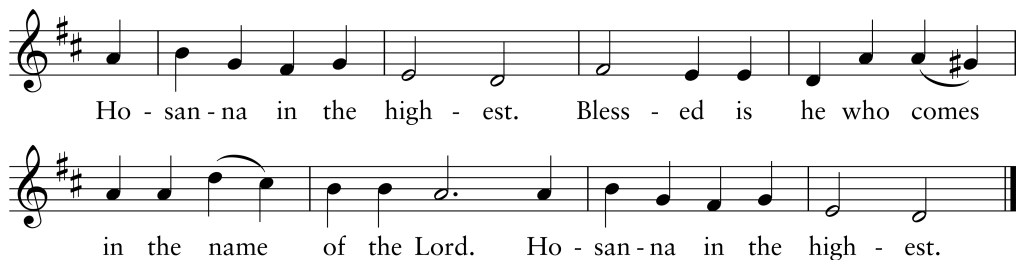
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ronald Nelson (1927-2014)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Please remain standing or kneel

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:

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

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION *Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants* Martin How (1931-2022)

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-The Choristers' Prayer

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 315 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray" *Song 1*

Please stand

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 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 460 "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" *Hyfrydol*

VOLUNTARY *Hyfrydol* Vaughan Williams

**AFTER THE SERVICE,
PLEASE JOIN US OUTSIDE FOR ICE CREAM SUNDAES.**

SERVING THIS MORNING

Acolytes	8:00 am	Bobbi Bowman
	10:15 am	Sydney Tregoning, Jack Tregoning, and Camilla Saunders
Lay Readers	8:00 am	Lee DeLong and McKim Symington
	10:15 am	Anne Warrell, Jack Tregoning, and Andy Olson
Chalice Bearers	8:00 am	Kevin Swanson and Lee DeLong
	10:15 am	Kannon Shanmugam and Anne Warrell
Ushers	10:15 am	Zoe Dobson, Duane Dobson, Fred Haynes, and Dana Sherman
Flower Guild		Mimsy Stirn and Pat Kloman
Hospitality Host	10:15 am	Julie DeLong
Vestry Member of the Day		Nancy Simon

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY ELECTIONS THIS MORNING – The parish election will take place today to elect five Vestry members. Visit bit.ly/sj-VestryElection26 to learn about the nominees. Our Nominating Committee was made of a diverse spectrum of parishioners, officers, committee chairs, and Vestry members. Likewise, parishioners had the opportunity to offer names to the process. Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to those people who are standing for election.

FOURTH SUNDAY STUDY

Today from 9:10 to 10:00 am; In Person in Smoot Conference Room AND on Zoom

Don't miss the final study session of the program year! **Please note: Although we usually meet on the fourth Sunday, this special session takes place on the THIRD Sunday.** We will gather to review the final two segments of the *Yale Bible Study* series “Women in the Bible” (bit.ly/YBS-women-in-the-Bible), focusing on “Family” and “Women in the Early Church.” No preparation is necessary. Join the group for discussion and reflection or use the Zoom option at bit.ly/wib051726.

SUNDAE SUNDAY

Today following the 10:15 am Service

Make plans to join us outside immediately following our 10:15 am service. We are celebrating with a curated Ice Cream Sundae Bar catered by Ben & Jerry's! Come build your own masterpiece, enjoy fellowship, and relax in the sun/shade. We'll have a Moon Bounce ready for the kids! Please bring your own camp chairs or blankets (we will have a few extras on hand). All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF

Sunday, June 7 at 1:00 pm

Join us for our final youth group event! We're wrapping up the school year with mini golf at Perch Putt at the Capital One Center! It's going to be a great afternoon of fun for our 5th–12th graders. Please sign up at bit.ly/sj-mg060726. Parents, don't miss out! While the kids play, we encourage you to stick around and enjoy the other awesome amenities on the rooftop. joy

MEN IN FAITH

Sunday, June 7 at 6:00 pm

(At the home of Leo Chalupa: 701 Crown Meadow Drive in Great Falls)

Gentlemen, please join us as we kick off the season with a “Beginning of Summer” gathering!

On the Menu: Leo is firing up the grill! He'll provide the burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and chips. Please feel free to bring your beverage of choice (soda, beer, or wine).

The Conversation: Josh will lead an insightful discussion on “Cultivating and Maintaining Friendships.” We'll explore how to stay connected during life's big transitions—whether it's a career change, relocation, family shifts, or moving into retirement.

RSVP: We're hoping for blue skies and a great turnout! Please RSVP at bit.ly/sj-mif060726 to confirm your attendance and let us know if you can bring drinks or dessert.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Beginning Sunday, June 14 at 9:00 am in the Woodland Chapel

Starting June 14, join us every Sunday at 9:00 am for a refreshing, 15-minute outdoor service featuring prayer, scripture, and a brief homily. Experience worship surrounded by nature at our Woodland Chapel (off Douglass Drive). Please dress comfortably and bring sun/element protection. Parking is available at the back of the church.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 2026

THE BOOK OF ROMANS “FAITH THROUGH LOVE, THE SACRAMENTS, AND GRACE”

Sundays, June 14 thru August 16 at 9:20 am in the Smoot Conference Room AND on Zoom

Summer Bible Study returns this year, offering a weekly, in-depth exploration of The Book of Romans. Sessions will be held in the Smoot Conference Room every Sunday at 9:20 am (adjoining before the 10:15 service) utilizing the *Yale Bible Study* series to guide our discussions. The opening session on June 14 will serve as an introduction, and no prior preparation is necessary. Participants are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. If you are interested in facilitating a session or have questions, please contact Kim Clark Pakstys at kclarkpakstys@gmail.com.

MAY DRIVE OF THE MONTH: DONATE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR GRAINS OF HOPE (GOH)

This month we are supporting the food pantry organized by Grains of Hope (www.gohopenova.org). GOH organizes a weekly food distribution site that will run throughout the summer and supports 275–315 local families. In addition to the pantry staples we will be providing, GOH purchases fresh produce and dairy weekly to ensure every family has healthy options. Items we are collecting during May: **Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Rice, Canned Beans, Dry Beans, and Cereal**. Please place your items in Shears Hall throughout the month of May. Thank you.

HELP HOMESTRETCH FAMILIES: ST. JOHN’S COLLECTING QUARTERS FOR LAUNDRY

St. John’s is collecting quarters for Homestretch residents to use in laundromats. Homestretch provides long-term shelter and support services to unhoused parents and children, many of whom are fleeing domestic violence. Please drop your quarters in the container located on Tim Barwick’s desk in the Parish Office. Learn more about Homestretch at homestretchva.org/about.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) meets Monday through Thursday at noon in our Community Room (on the lower level; enter through the back door adjacent to the playground). Additionally, there is a meeting every Friday at 8:30 pm in the Community Room, or if the weather’s good, just outside. You can also call the Northern Virginia AA Intergroup hotline at 703-293-9753 or visit nvintergroup.org for other group listings. Have questions about AA? Contact a fellow parishioner at 571-334-0073.

PRAYER LIST

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Dunstan's, McLean; St. James's, Richmond; and St. Stephen's, Richmond.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Alexandra Cargol, William Feigert, Stephen Keller, Evan Toloczko, Mike Durney, Chip Lippman, Rex Nichols, Sara Davis, Grayson May, Bill Parks, Gigi Price, Karen Bennett, Cassy Bosch, Emily Kramer, Ridgely Neppl, and Cathy Sloan; and for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week: Virginia & Jim Kennedy, Danielle & John Saunders, and Lisa & John Joy.

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Lisa Sierant	Nancy Elliott	Lillie Hunt
Jim Dole	Bona Mitchell and Son	Martin and Susan Rick
Liz	Lacy	Bruce Clarke
Jim Griffith	Kyle Coker	Elizabeth Gregg
Judy Watson	MA	Mark
Bruce and Sue Gross		

We pray for the departed, especially Cecil Clark; and for all who mourn.

To add someone to the Prayer List,
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