

*Saint John's Episcopal Church*  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

JUNE 7, 2026

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



Welcome to Saint John's! Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal church in the heart of Mobile. Gathering for worship is central to our common life. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our community, please speak with our priest or call the church office at (251) 479-5474. The Church Office is open 9-2pm on Tuesdays. In the event of a pastoral need, reach out to Father John Talbert at 205-354-3699. More information is available at: [www.stjohnsmobile.org](http://www.stjohnsmobile.org).

**Entrance Song**

*All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn.*

**Hymn 11**

*Morning Hymn*

**Awake, my soul, and with the sun**

*(see next page)*

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Celebrant says the following*

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
 2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
 \*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
 thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt. Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélemon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917.

*The Congregation sings the Gloria:*

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

*The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.*

## **The Collect of the Day** BCP p. 222

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Lessons**

*The People are seated.*

*The first Lesson, Genesis 12:1-9, is now read*

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*The Reader concludes*

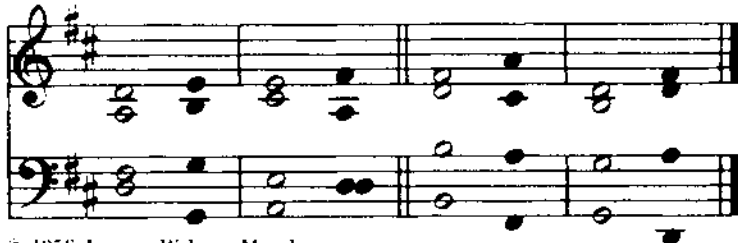
The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People join in singing* Psalm 33:1-12

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Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous**; \*  
it is good for the just to sing **praises**.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the **harp**; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and **lyre**.
- 3 Sing for him a new **song**; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the **trumpet**.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is **right**, \*  
and all his works are **sure**.
- 5 He loves righteousness and **justice**; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole **earth**.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens **made**, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly **hosts**.

- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a **water-skin** \*  
and stores up the depths of the **sea**.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the **Lord**; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in **awe of him**.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to **pass**; \*  
he commanded, and it stood **fast**.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to **naught**; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the **peoples**.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for **ever**, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to **age**.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the **Lord**! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his **own**!

*The second lesson, Romans 4:13-25, is now read*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 626

*Quam dilecta*

### Lord, be thy word my rule

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re - joice;  
2 thy prom - is - es my hope; thy prov - i - dence my guard;

thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;  
thine arm my strong sup - port; thy - self my great re - ward.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885). Music: *Quam dilecta*, Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898).

## The Holy Gospel

*All Stand.*

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*The appointed Gospel, Matthew 9:9-13,18-26, is now proclaimed.*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by

the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*After the Gospel, the Minister says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend John Talbert

## **The Nicene Creed**

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*The People stand as the Celebrant stands and all join in saying:*

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**

*All may stand or sit. A minister bids these prayers of the assembly:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Receive unto to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against god and our neighbor.

*The People kneel or sit as they say together*

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.

*The celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy upon 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**

*The People stand and the Celebrant says*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# Welcome and Announcements

*The Congregation may be seated for the announcements.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn 558

*St. Catherine*

### Faith of our fathers! Living still

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,  
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

#### *Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *St. Catherine*, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905).

*The Congregation stands and sings the Presentation Hymn while the ushers bring forward the people's gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts.*

### Hymn 380 (v.3)

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

*The Congregation sings Sanctus and Benedictus.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or sit. Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **AMEN.**

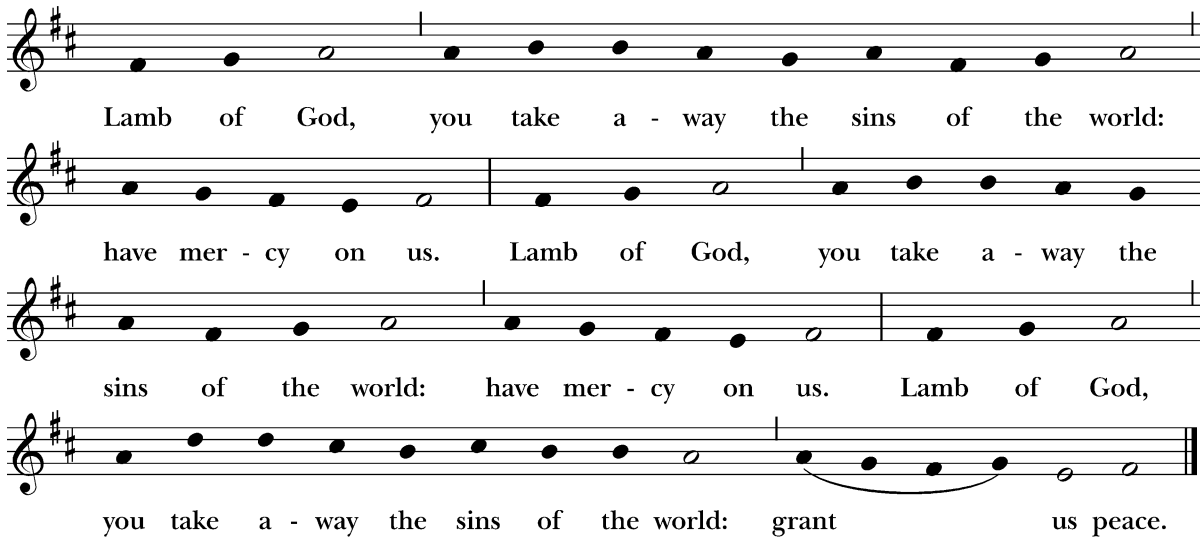
*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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 trespass, 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 leads the Congregation in singing Agnus Dei.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## The Invitation

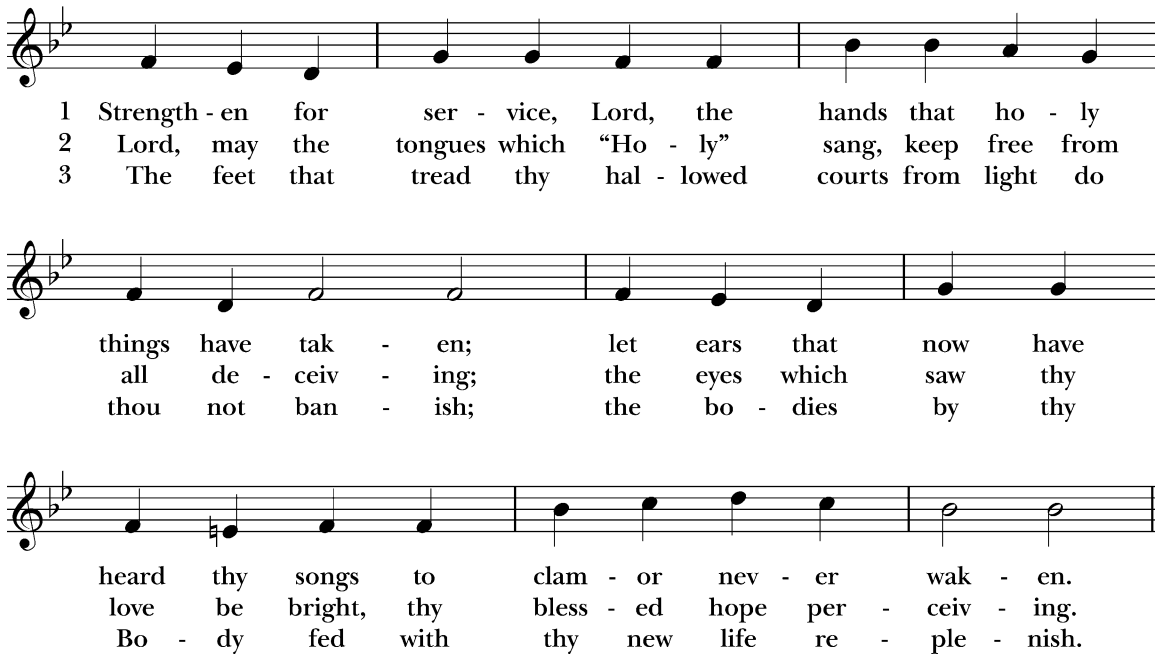
*The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.*

### ALL ARE INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

## Hymn 312

*Jesu, Jesu du mein Hirt*

### Strengthen for service, Lord



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do  
things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy  
heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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**Postcommunion Prayer**

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*After kneeling, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

*The people stand and sing the recessional hymn.*

**Hymn 437**

*Birmingham*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

*(see next page)*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## The Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses the saying*

*Minister* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**  
are given by Eugene and Emily Johnston  
to the glory of God

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**RECENT ATTENDANCE:**

28     May 17, The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
34     May 24, Pentecost  
29     May 31, Trinity Sunday

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**SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:**

First Lesson Lector .....Janet Buckley  
Second Lesson Lector.....Jan Joseph  
Intercessor ..... Leslie Talbert  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers .....Mary Sheffield, Lee Dorsey, & Br. Jacob Luke  
Altar Guild .....Irene Yeager & Br. Jacob Luke  
Vestry Tellers ..... Hugh Tomlin & Cindy Gass  
Assisting Minister ..... Lee Dorsey  
Acolyte .....Emma Talbert  
Digital Evangelist .....Kristen Turner

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:**

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Today, June 7	10:00AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II
Tues., June 9	9-2PM	Church Office Open
	6:00PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, June 14	10:00AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**We lift up to you members of this church family, especially:**

Geri Moulton, Cookie and David Rich, Bootsie Cieutat, Eddy Velaski, Julie Garner, Pat Fulford, Marie Brown, Bob Anderson, Helen Guthrie, Mike and Frances Barbour, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, and Jayson Chestang.

**We pray for our family and friends, especially:**

Liz Levy Reichman, Ty Lofton, Sabrina Jones, Bill Cutts, David Bryars, Todd McGill, Chris Velaski, Colin Guthrie, Sheila Velaski, Larry DeBert, Louis Bell, Emily Brown, Dennis Clardy, Sarah Guthrie, Morris Levy, Judy Lynch, Adam Strong, Angie Leon, David Hamilton, Sheila Granger, Barbara Bonner, David Brunner, Karl Gieseler, Nancy Payne, Bonnie Jernigan, Rev. Frances LeBlanc.

**Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:**

Nicholas Boykin, Ryan Hurt, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner, Bryant Andrews, Austin & Beka Denigan.

### **THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. JOHN'S**

The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*

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### **THE VESTRY AND WARDENS OF ST. JOHN'S**

Class of 2026: Ms. Helen Guthrie. *and* Ms. Kathe Gieseler.

Class of 2027: Ms. Connie McLean, *senior warden*, *and* Mr. Eddy Velaski.

Class of 2028: Mr. Hugh Tomlin, *junior warden*, *and* Ms. Janet Buckley, *clerk*.  
*and* Ms. Cindy Gass, *treasurer*.