

Welcome to Saint John's Episcopal Church
The Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost

AUGUST 9, 2026

COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's! Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits.

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. Our office hours are 9-2pm on Tuesdays. Outside of office hours, or in the event of a pastoral need, you can reach out to Father John Talbert at 205-354-3699. You can also contact us through our website, www.stjohnsmobile.org.

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the ministers of the assembly enter.

Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(see next page)

Officiant

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated at another time and place. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 cv - cr at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for cv - cr a - dore him.

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

Officiant

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.**

The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

The People are seated. The first lesson, Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, is now read

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped

him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Reader concludes

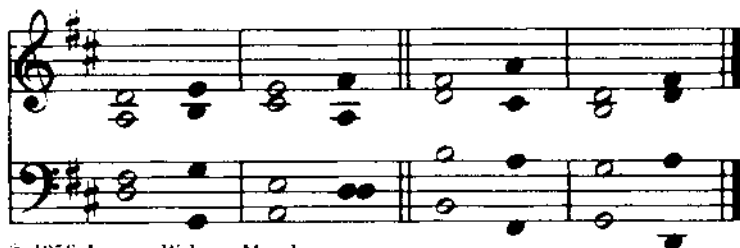
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People join in singing Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *
make known his deeds among the **peoples**.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to **him**, *
and speak of all his marvelous **works**.
- 3 Glory in his holy **Name**; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord **rejoice**.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his **strength**; *
continually seek his **face**.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has **done**, *
his wonders and the judgments of his **mouth**,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his **servant**, *
O children of Jacob his **chosen**.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the **land** *
and destroyed the supply of **bread**.

17 He sent a man before **them**, *
Joseph, who was sold as a **slave**.
18 They bruised his feet in **fetters**; *
his neck they put in an iron **collar**.
19 Until his prediction came to **pass**, *
the word of the Lord tested **him**.
20 The king sent and **released him**; *
the ruler of the peoples set him **free**.
21 He set him as a master over his **household**,
as a ruler over all his **possessions**,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders **wisdom**.
45 Hallelujah!.

The second lesson, Romans 10:5-15, is now read

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 632

Munich

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,

O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
 It is the chart and com-pass that o'er life's surg-ing sea,
 O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-ermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

The Gospel lesson, Matthew 14:22-33 is now read

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Dr. Nikki Shaw

The Nicene Creed

The people stand as the Officiant 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 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 Officiant adds a concluding collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I
leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the

peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed after which the Officiant and People pray

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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Officiant 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.

Announcements

The Congregation may be seated for the announcements.

THE LITURGY OF COMMUNION

The Preparation of the Gifts

The Congregation is seated for the Offertory.

Choir Offertory

O God, your goodness

Text: Christian Gellert (1715-69) / trans. Alan Bullard

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) / arr. Alan Bullard

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

Old 100th

All people that on earth do dwell

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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 Officiant says

Sisters and brothers, on the second day of August, in the year of Our Lord, 2026, the people of St. John's, in Mobile, Alabama, gathered as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A portion of the Sacred Bread and Precious Blood was reserved from that Eucharist, and have been reverently kept for us, that we may this day join with those who gathered then, in communion with God and all Christians of every place and every time to share in this foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Officiant Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed

People **is the communion of the Blood of Christ.**

Officiant For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body

People **and all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Officiant The Bread that was broken

People **is the Communion of the Body of Christ.**

Officiant Because there is One Bread

People **we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.**

All: **Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 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 Invitation

The Officiant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God.

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a prayer of intercession.

During the distribution of communion, the Congregation remains seated and sings the Communion Hymn.

Hymn 323

Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is
 2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies for this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev - er may our souls be fed
 sac - ri - fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal - ing give,

with this true and liv - ing Bread; day by day with
 to thy cross we look and live: Je - sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.
 ev - er be graft - ed, root - ed, built in thee.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt. Music: *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*, melody Paul Heinlein (1626-1686); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Postcommunion Prayer

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The People stand or kneel. The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant 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**

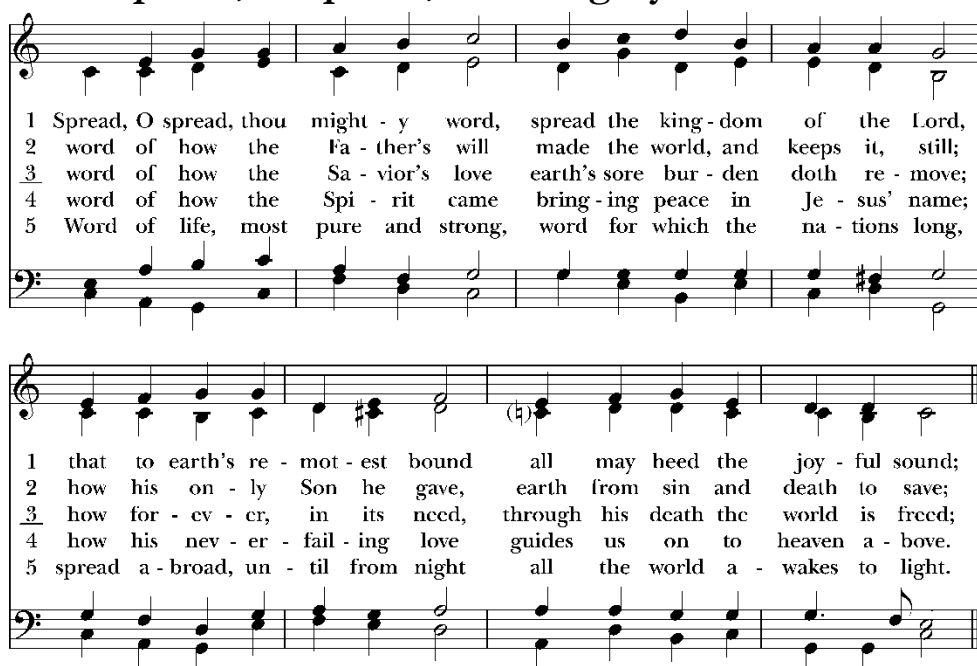
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people stand and sing the recessional hymn.

Hymn 530

Gott sei Dank

Spread, O Spread, thou mighty word



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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The Dismissal

The Officiant dismisses them saying

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Officiant..... Nikki Shaw
First Lesson LectorPaula Ross
Second Lesson Lector..... Kathe Gieseler
Third Lesson Lector..... Nikki Shaw
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Lee Dorsey
Altar Guild..... Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Vestry Tellers..... Hugh Tomlin & Eddy Velaski
Assisting Minister Lee Dorsey
Digital Evangelist Kristen Turner

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today, August 9	10:00AM	Holy Communion: Pentecost 11
	11:15AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
Tues., August 11	9-2PM	Church Office Open
	6:00PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, August 16	10:00AM	Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 12
	11:15AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by Charlynn Will
to the glory of God

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

30 July 12, The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
40 July 19, The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
55 July 26, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
33 August 2, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

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, Jayson Chestang, and for our seminarian Br. Jacob Luke.

We pray for our family and friends, especially:

James Moore, Madison Pittman, Liz Levy Reichman, Ty Lofton, Sabrina Jones, Todd McGill, Chris Velaski, Colin Guthrie, Sheila Velaski, Larry DeBert, Emily Brown, Dennis Clardy, Sarah Guthrie, Morris Levy, Judy Lynch, Adam Strong, Angie Leon, 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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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*.