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Class of 2025: Ms. Connie Anderson, Ms. Mary Sheffield and Ms. Charlynn Will, *senior warden*.

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

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*Welcome to Saint John's
Episcopal Church*

HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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 at introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly enter.

Hymn 11

Morning Hymn

Awake my soul, and with the sun

(see next page)



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 Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917.

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says the following, and the people respond.

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.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
We pray especially for our sisters and brothers in Christ: Bootsie Cieutat, Eddy Velaski, Julie Garner, Pat Fulford, Marie Brown, Neva Bache, David Rich, Bob Anderson, Helen Guthrie, Mike and Frances Barbour, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jayson Chestang, Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: the Rev. Frank and Nancy Morgret, Calvert Johnson, Brenda Gooslbly, Larry DeBert, Anne Redd, Donnie Chestang, Louis Bell, Lester Taylor, Emily Brown, Dennis Clardy, Sarah Guthrie, Morris Levy, Joey Adams, Judy Lynch, John Knight, Adam Strong, Angie Leon, David Hamilton, Sheila Cassity Granger, Barbara Bonner, David Brunner, Mary Horner, Susan Hansen, Karl Gieseler, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Peggy Sheffield, Eddie Hun, Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Paul Nelson.

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces: Nicholas Boykin, Marcus Rich, Ross Hussmann, Ellis Garner, Bryant Andrews.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:

Today, Sept 14	10:00AM Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 14 11:15AM Fellowship in the Great Hall
Tues.	9:00-1:00pm Office hours
Tues.	6:00PM Choir Practice
Next Sunday, Sept. 21	10:00AM Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 15 11:15AM Fellowship in the Great Hall

SERVING IN TODAY’S LITURGY:

First Lesson Lector.....	Paula Ross
Second Lesson Lector.....	Eugene Johnston
Intercessor	Helen Guthrie
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Connie McLean & Mary Sheffield
Altar Guild.....	Lee Dorsey & Kristen Turner
Vestry Tellers.....	Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Assisting Minister	Lee Dorsey
Acolyte	Emma Talbert
Digital Evangelist	Kristen Turner

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

29	August 24, Pentecost 11
25	August 31, Pentecost 12
39	September 7, Pentecost 13

The Congregation sings the Gloria



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

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

The Readings

The People are seated. The first lesson, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, is now read

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the saying

Minister Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY
are given by Neva Bache
to the glory of God



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

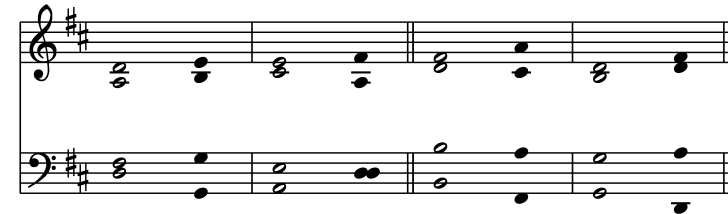
The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The congregation prays Psalm 14



1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no **God.**" *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any **good.**

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us **all,** *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after **God.**

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned **bad;** *
there is none who does good; no, not **one.**

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the **Lord?**

5 See how they tremble with **fear,** *
because God is in the company of the **righteous.**

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their **refuge.**

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of **Zion!** *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be **glad.**

The second lesson, I Timothy 1:12-17, is now read

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in

unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Reader concludes

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

Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

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Postcommunion Prayer

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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 respond

Amen.

The Congregation stands and sings the retiring processional hymn

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith-ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith-ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end-less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian* Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

The Holy Gospel

All Stand.

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

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

The appointed Gospel, Luke 15:1-10 is now proclaimed.
All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, `Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."
"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After the Gospel, the Minister says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily Brother Jacob Luke

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Celebrant leads the congregation in singing Agnus Dei.

Hymn S161 *Hurd*

Lamb of God

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.

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 blessing.

After receiving communion, the Congregation may be seated. Please join in singing the communion hymn

Hymn 635 *Sicilian Mariners*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
(see next page)

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:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died,
Christ has 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.

People **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say BCP p. 336

**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.**

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 the prayers of the assembly. At the end of each petition the people say, “Hear our prayer.” The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed after which the Celebrant 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 Celebrant prays

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

The Peace
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

The Preparation of the Gifts
The Congregation is seated for the Offertory

Choir Offertory
God in Mine Eternity
Text: Trad. Hebridian
Music: 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
All people that on earth do dwell
Vs 3 only

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
The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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:

Hymn S124

Hurd

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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