

Welcome to Saint John's Episcopal Church

HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

AUGUST 3 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 523

Abbot's Leigh

Glorious things of thee are spoken

(see next page)

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, when such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his peo - ple

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they
 rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings: and as

va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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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.**

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.

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The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Collect of the Day

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The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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, Hosea 11:1-11, is now read

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
 and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
 the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
 and offering incense to idols.
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
 I took them up in my arms;
 but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
 with bands of love.
I was to them like those
 who lift infants to their cheeks.
 I bent down to them and fed them.
They shall return to the land of Egypt,
 and Assyria shall be their king,
 because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities,
 it consumes their oracle-priests,
 and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
 To the Most High they call,
 but he does not raise them up at all.
How can I give you up, Ephraim?
 How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
 How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
 my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
 I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
 the Holy One in your midst,
 and I will not come in wrath.
They shall go after the Lord,
 who roars like a lion;

when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The congregation prays Psalm 107:1-9,43



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**, *
and his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed **proclaim** *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the **foe**.
- 3 He gathered them out of the **lands**; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the **south**.
- 4 Some wandered in desert **wastes**; *
they found no way to a city where they might **dwell**.
- 5 They were hungry and **thirsty**; *
their spirits languished within **them**.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their **trouble**, *
and he delivered them from their **distress**.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight **path** *
to go to a city where they might **dwell**.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his **mercy** *
and the wonders he does for his **children**.
- 9 For he satisfies the **thirsty** *
and fills the hungry with good **things**.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these **things**, *
and consider well the mercies of the **Lord**.

The second lesson, Colossians 3:1-11, is now read

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 628

St. Ethelwald

Help us, O Lord, to learn

(see next page)



1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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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 12:13-21, is now proclaimed.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 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

Offertory Hymn 47

Gott sei Dank

On this day, the first of days

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
 2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
 3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
 5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
 2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
 3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
 4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
 5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
 dwell within my heart alone;
 thou dost give thyself to me:
 help me give myself to thee.

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 adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

Vs 3 only

**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 faces them and 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.**

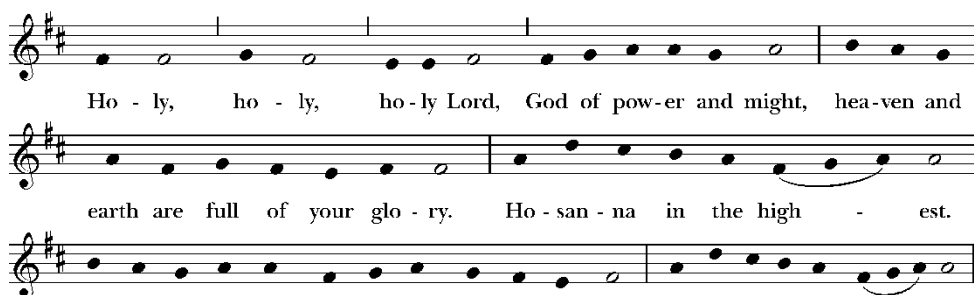
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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



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

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

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant 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 302

Rondez á Dieu

Father, we thank thee who has planted

(see next page)

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with-
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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 475

Tyske

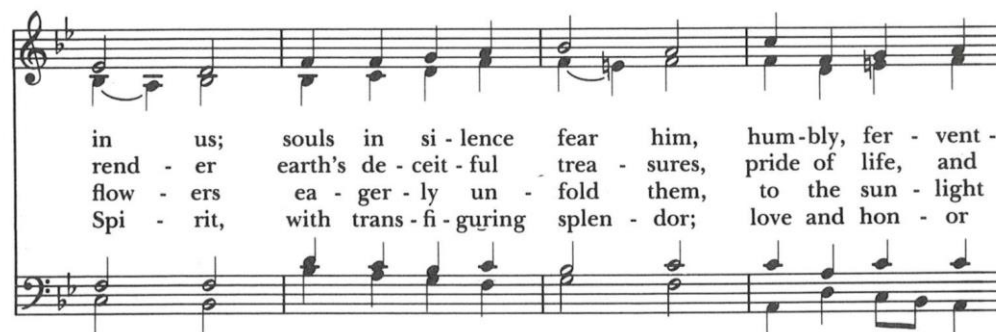
God himself is with us

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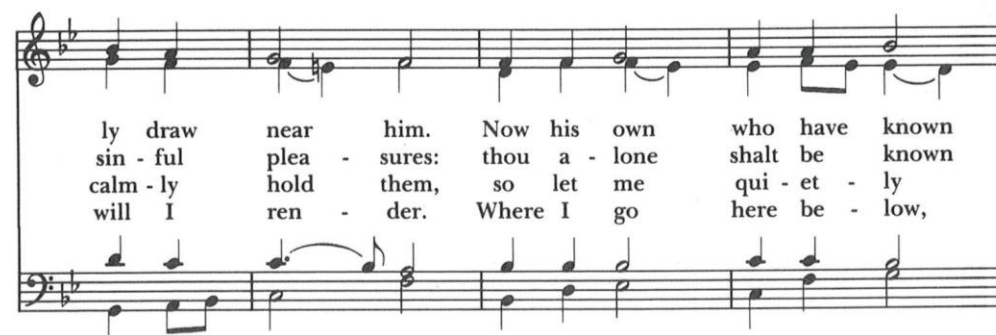
1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,



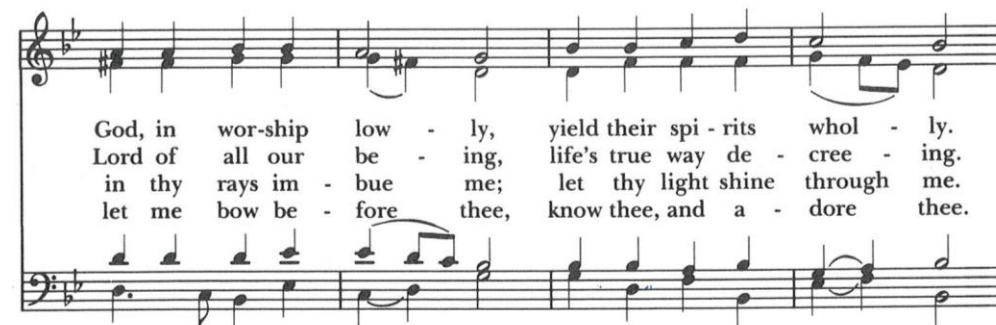
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing



in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or



ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,



God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

Today, Aug. 3	10:00AM Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 6 11:15AM Fellowship in the Great Hall
Tues.	9:00-1:00pm Office hours
Wed.	6:00PM Choir Practice
Next Sunday, Aug. 10	10:00AM Holy Eucharist: Pentecost 7 11:15AM Fellowship in the Great Hall 11:30AM Ministry Interest Meeting in the Great Hall

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given
to the glory of God

SERVING IN TODAY’S LITURGY:

First Lesson Lector.....Leslie Talbert
Second Lesson Lector.....Janet Buckley
IntercessorJan Joseph
Lay Eucharistic MinistersLee Dorsey & Br. Jacob Luke
Altar Guild..... Irene Yeager & Br. Jacob Luke
Vestry Tellers.....Kathe Gieseler & Connie McLean
Assisting MinisterLee Dorsey
Acolyte Emma Talbert
Digital Evangelist Kristen Turner

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

44 July 13, Pentecost 5
45 July 20, Pentecost 6
36 July 27, Pentecost 7

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, Emily Johnston, Neva Bache, David Rich, Bob Anderson, Helen Guthrie, Mike Barbour, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jayson Chestang, Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: Calvert Johnson, William Cutts, Bob Will, Scott Lenoir (*priest*), Harriet Lenoir, Brenda Goosby, 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, Tiffany Matthews, 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.

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

Class of 2026: Ms. Bootsie Cieutat, and Ms. Kathe Gieseler, *clerk*

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

Ms. Cindy Gass, *treasurer*.