

Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church

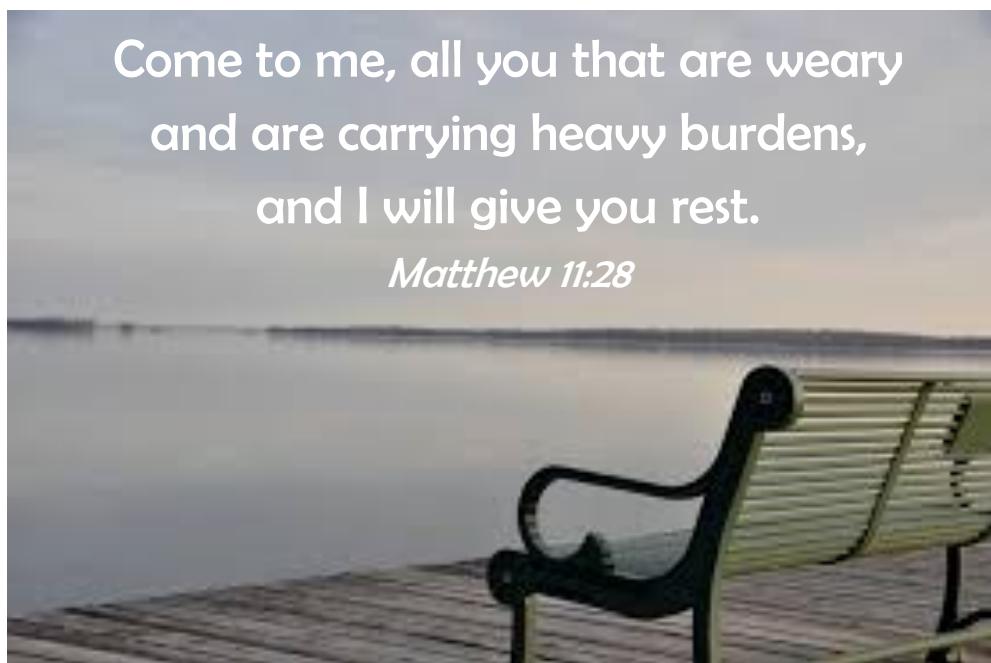
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020
9:00 am

Livestream on Facebook

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here*

**Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28



The Word of God with Spiritual Communion

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

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
ev - er 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 ev - er a - dore him.

Salutation

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

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.***

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Zecariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

A Reading from Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. —

a tempo

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came

eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

*the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

*the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

*by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and all who are in need.

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

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

Guide the people of this country, 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 who live in relationship with one another, 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 are weary in body, mind, or spirit; come to the aid of those who suffer from the coronavirus, the unemployed, the hungry and the homeless; give them courage and hope through our care, and give them the rest and joy of your salvation.

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

We commend 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.***

Together let us pray for those serving in the armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders, medical professionals, essential workers and their families. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and challenges; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider Gracious and Loving God,
come to your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may lighten the burdens that others carry by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Presider *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*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.*

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Offertory

Stewardship is about the offering of our time, talent and treasure.

Thank you to all those who make the work and ministry of St. John's continue.

We have made it even more convenient for you to offer a reoccurring or one-time gift online.

You will find a "Give Now" button on our St. John's website: www.saint-johns.org

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;



Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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.*

Spiritual Communion

Presider It is a tradition in Episcopal churches to share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion, sharing in Christ's Body and Blood. Since we cannot gather in person, our church allows a person who hungers for Holy Communion to share in its benefits. This is called Spiritual Communion, and it draws us together as the Body of Christ in this world.

Let us pray together a prayer of Spiritual Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Concluding Collect

A Prayer for our Country

Presider Almighty God, who has made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. You have given us this country for our heritage: bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law of love, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, let our trust in you never waver; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

Hymnal 718, vs. 1, 2 & 4



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand past, leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Liturgical Leaders

Presider/Preacher	Rev. Roger Haenke
Readers/Responses	Bill Cheney, Robert Dunn Judy Butcher
Gospel/Dismissal	Rev. Jack and Sarah Tolley
Prayers of the People	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Spiritual Communion	Rev. Cathey Dowdle
Psalmist/Vocalist	Jane Ferguson
Organist	Cheryl Seppala
Video Production	Cliff Berkowitz

Prayer For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:

*Look with compassion on the whole human family;
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony
around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

From the Prayer Journal of Fr. Jack Tolley

There certainly is a lot of shouting going on in the United States nowadays. Perry Mullins is the rector of Saint Peter's Church in McKinney, Texas. He wrote a thoughtful article on shouting in the June 26, 2020 issue of "Forward Day by Day." I thought you would enjoy it.
Blessings and love to all, Fr. Jack.

*Mathew 20:31. The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet,
but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David."*

There is a lot of shouting in our world today. Some of it is good, but most isn't. Far too often, we shout at one another on social media or in the news, building soundbites but not community or cooperation. We have forgotten what things we should shout for, and we have begun to shout for anything. The result is noise. The sort of shouting exalted in scripture is the kind that begs for mercy, the kind that praises God and proclaims justice and love in the face of oppression and hatred. Our shouts won't produce great soundbites, and they won't win arguments, but they will be heard on high. If we remain silent about those things that really ought to matter most, the stones will cry out.

MOVING FORWARD: Ask God to help quiet your anxiety and build you up to shout for the right things in this world.

Prayers List

Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself,
for your church family, and for those in need.

For our Military

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield,
Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield,
Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner,
Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold,
Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales and Richie Lebron.

For strength in time of need

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Rob McKay, Bill Rogers, Barbara Duncan, Dean Peters, Brian Elly,
Ed Thomas, Fr. Jack and Sarah Tolley, Jan Jones and Sarah Freeman.

For the repose of the soul of Leslie O'Donnell, friend of Jeff Bates
May light perpetual shine on her.

*(Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday.
If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: maria@saint-johns.org.)*

We Are Available in Your Time of Need

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed,
please call Rev. Roger at 619-301-0724 or email revroger@saint-johns.org

Thank You

A big "Thank You!" from Florence Cooper for all the birthday cards.

Craft Supplies Available- A Message from Norma Dunn:

Emma Gonzales, a long-time parishioner of St. John's, was an expert quilter and crafts person. Some of her supplies have been handed over to me by her husband for disposal. Her finished quilts I intend to save for future fundraisers at St. John's when they will be donated in Emma's name. Her unfinished quilts are available to quilters in the congregation, or their friends, who would like to finish them. One quilt is all cut out and ready to put together! I also have a box of assorted ribbons and trimmings and a number of felt squares and ties suitable for crafting. All of these items may be viewed in my garage.

Please call or email if you are interested: Norma Dunn 619-421-2057; 4nodunn@gmail.com

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St. John's Mission Statement

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

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