



St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026 10am
Father's Day

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #675 *Take up your cross, the Savior said*

BOURBON

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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 Gloria *Hymnal S-280*

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21

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

Psalm 86 *Inclina, Domine* *Tone VIII.2*



- 1 *Bow down* your ear, O LORD, and *ánswer* me, *
for I am poor / and in *misery*.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am *faithful*; *
save your servant who / puts his *trúst* in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are *my* God; *
I call upon you / all the *dáy* long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your *servant*, *
for to you, O LORD, / I lift *up* my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and *forgiving*, *
and great is your love toward all who / call *upón* you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to *my* prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my / *supplicátions*.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call *upón* you, *
for / you will *ánswer* me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like *yóu*, O LORD, *
nor any/thing like *yóur* works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship *yóu*, O LORD, *
and / *glorify* your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do *wóndrous* things; *
and / you *alóne* are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy *upón* me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child / of your *hándmaid*.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and *bé* ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and / *comfórted* me.

The Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #565 *He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster*

MONK'S GATE

Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rector

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.**

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, our bishop; for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Bridget, Tony, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Sam, Ellen, Ned and Katherine, and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

Offertory Hymn #309 O food to pilgrims given

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words
Therefore according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

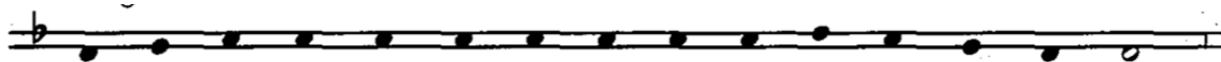
The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is
yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #655 *O Jesus, I have promised*

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The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*You are invited to remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Postlude
or move immediately to coffee hour.*

Please help maintain a quiet atmosphere in the sanctuary during the Postlude.

The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Robin Moody

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Paul Newell, Vestry Person of the Day
Augusta and Shannon Fry, Readers
Joanne Graziano, Intercessor
Kate Gunsch, Chalice Bearer
Robin Moody, Altar Guild
Brendan and Birgitta Ryback, Nancy Savage
and St. John's children, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our children cordially invite you to a special refreshment time honoring dads! Thanks to Ms. Nancy and the children for assisting hosts Brendan and Birgitta Ryback.

A Funeral Service for beloved parishioner Maureen Lavelly will be held here at St. John's on Saturday, July 11 at 3:30pm. Catherine Womack has offered to gather a collection of stories, memories, and photos of Maureen to share with her family. If Maureen's life touched yours, or if you have a funny story or a favorite photo, please send them to Catherine at catherinewomack@gmail.com.

Our friends at Old North are offering two services of choral Evensong in the weeks ahead. St. John's friends are cordially invited to join the Old North choir and congregation Thursday, June 25 and Friday, July 3 at 6pm. The July 3 service will be in honor of the Eve of Independence Day and the 250th Anniversary of the Nation.

Our Altar Guild is looking for new members to assist with preparing the altar for communion on Sunday mornings. This is a wonderful way to prepare yourself for worship on a Sunday morning. Altar Guild service takes about 15 minutes before and after the Eucharist, and it vital to our ability to worship together. You do not need any knowledge—we can provide all training! If you'd like to explore the possibility, please speak with Greg or with Catherine Womack.

Volunteers are needed to help with watering and tending our beautiful outdoor spaces. Please speak with Joanne Graziano if you, your friends and/or family are able to assist with simple garden maintenance tasks here and there this summer.

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