



The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025, 9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's service follows the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew. Service music, noted with an "S," can be found in the front of the book, and our hymns, noted by an "H" and their number, after that. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn: H 359, "God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!"

Toulon

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Song of Praise: S 280 "Gloria to God"

Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day

Proper 8, BCP, p. 230

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Story

Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Response: Psalm 16, *Conserva me, Domine*

BCP, p. 599

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * **I have said to the Lord,**
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * **upon those who are noble among the people.**
But those who run after other gods * **shall have their troubles multiplied.**

Their libations of blood I will not offer, * **nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * **it is you who uphold my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * **my heart teaches me, night after night.**

I have set the Lord always before me; * **because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * **my body also shall rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon me to the grave, * **nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; * **in your presence there is fullness of joy,**
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn: H 550, "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

Restoration

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Steve Busch

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People:

We turn our faces to you in expectation and confidence that you will hear us when we pray, saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 359

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.



As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.

The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, v. 3 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Sanctus: S 125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

Eucharist Prayer continues

BCP, p. 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S 161 "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. To receive the wafer, extend one hand over the other. If you wish to receive the wine, take a sip of the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips. Dipping the wafer into the wine is not permitted. The bishop's customary requires the minister to do it for you. If you wish the minister to intinct, make a dipping motion or point to the minister when you approach. If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.

Communion Hymn: H 559, "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

Dulce carmen

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: H 719, "O beautiful for spacious skies"

Materna

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Geoffrey Smith, by Durinda Smith.

Welcome and Thank You. We welcome The Rev. Stephen Shepherd as presider today and thank him for his ministry.

The Gospel of Revolution. *Thursday, July 3, 2025 @ 7:00 PM, St. John's.* Fr. Kevin will present on the history and theology of American independence, looking at sermons of Anglican clergy and others around the American Revolution. We'll then worship according to the prayer book then in use at the time--with the congregation voting whether or not to say the prayers for the king... Join us for The Gospel of Revolution!

St. John's Anniversary Eucharist. St. John's was consecrated July 14, 1854. Join us Sunday, July 13 to celebrate our anniversary with a special Eucharist.

Coffee Hour. Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Adult Lectionary Forum. If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join us in the library after the service.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Shepherd

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