June 25, 2023
Proper 7

9AM
Holy Eucharist — Rite II

Welcome!

We have sealed cups and wafers on the left side (facing the altar) and the common cup on the right side (pulpit side). It is truly a gift to be able to kneel alongside one another again and partake in the body and blood of Jesus together. We are not offering the option of intinction as it has proven to spread illness more than drinking from the cup. If you would like to receive a blessing from a Priest, come forward and cross your arms at the rail.

Listening assistance devices are provided – ask any usher



Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of June Wolff by Eileen Weldon and Susan Burdette.

Holy Eucharist — Rite II

Prelude *Blessed are you Faithful Souls* Marcel Dupre

Processional Hymn — 398 *I sing the almighty power of God*

Opening Acclamation

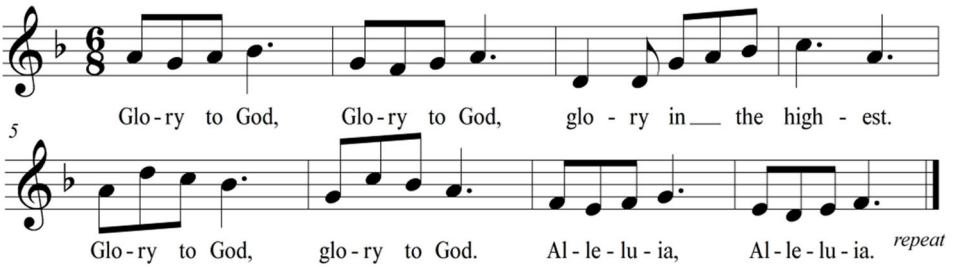
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his 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.***

Gloria **Taizé chant**



The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Word of God

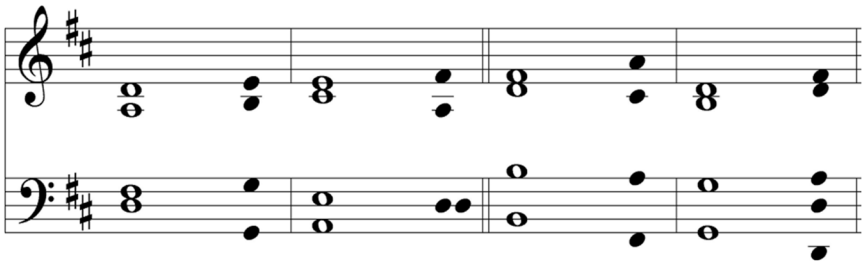
The Old Testament *(seated)* **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become

for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

The Psalm **Psalm 69: 8-11,18-20**



8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered re/proach, *
and shame has covered my/face.
9 I have become a stranger to my own/kindred, *
an alien to my mother's/children.
10 Zeal for your house has eaten me/up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen up/on me.
11 I humbled myself with/fasting, *
but that was turned to my re/proach.
18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is/kind; *
in your great compassion,/turn to me.'
19 "Hide not your face from your/servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in dis/tress.
20 Draw near to me and re/deem me; *
because of my enemies de/liver me.

The Epistle — Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sequence Hymn — 675, v1-3 *Take up your cross*

The Gospel Reading — Matthew 10:24-39

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

Sermon The Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander

A brief silence is observed following the sermon

Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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 Form VI

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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Susan, our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; ***For all those who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For those involved in the war in Ukraine, establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, ***that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our St. John's prayer list. ***(People may add their own petitions)***

Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for the birthdays of Michelle, Amanda, and Danny, and the anniversaries of Kathy & David and Janice & Jerry, ***and 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, especially for June Wolff, who is remembered with our altar flowers, 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.***

Confession *(kneeling)*

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.

Absolution (*kneeling)*

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements *(seated)*

Offertory Music *Aria* Dietrich Buxtehude

Doxology *(standing)*

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

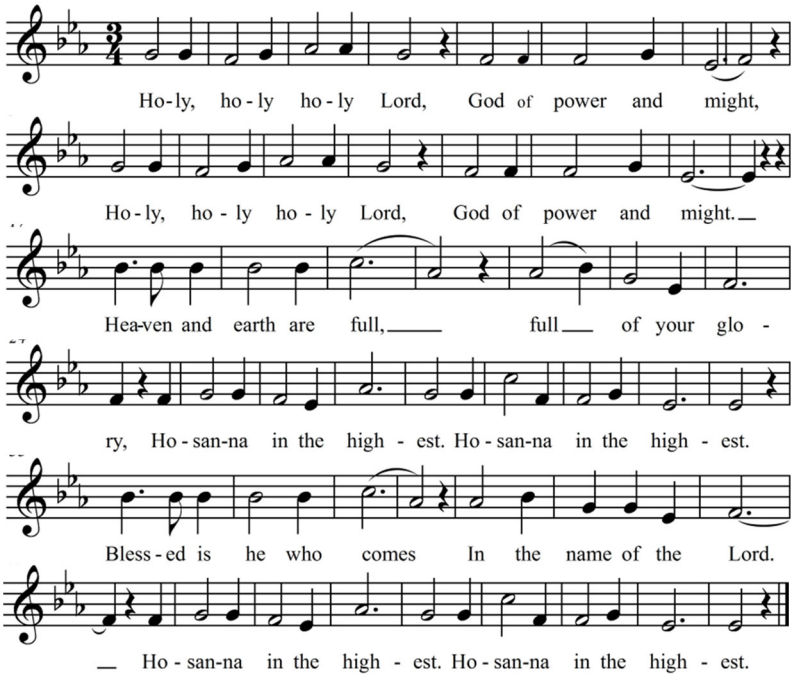
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth… 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:

Sanctus



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:

All ***Christ has died.***
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *(together)*

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 (*Silence is kept)*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Distribution

Communion Music *Rejoice Hymnal 55* The Summons

Post-Communion Prayer *(kneeling)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn — Rejoice Hymnal 66 *Go Forth for God*

Dismissal

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D* William Boyce

Participating In Today's Service

LEM Bob Harper, Elizabeth Zimmerman
Altar Guild Barbara & Pat Dennehey
Music Director/Organist: Deborah Carr
Flower Delivery Jane Price

Ushers Ron Kindley, Jack Pope
Acolyte Master David Bishop

Coffee Hour Mary Ellen & Doug Perry

Prayers And Thanksgivings

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Bill Harper, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, Kevin Rowe, Ron Forbes, Mary Virginia Strup, Martha Messersmith, John Hutson, Susan Cowling, Linda McMahon, Pamela Martin, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Jail, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Eileen, Brenda Ayers, Linda Carwile, Jessica McCready, Kaleb, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Lauren, John Stant, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mimi, Sue Tillery, Bobby Phillips, Julia Mulherin, Ann Sawyer, John MacFarland, and Mary Jane Long .

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Michelle Keene (6/27), Amanda Barrett (6/28), and Danny Lockey (7/1)

We give thanksgivings for the anniversaries of Kathy & David Dansey (6/29) and Janice & Jerry Markham (6/30).

Announcements

Summer Schedule: We will move to one 9am service on July 2nd.

Bible Study: NOT Meeting June 29. We will resume our study on July 6th on "The Acts of the Apostles"; our new in-person bible study group is just beginning. We meet on Thursday at Noon in the parish hall. Drop in visitors are always welcome. We begin and end in prayer for those on our hearts. Questions? Email Mark.

Zoom Bible Study: NOT Meeting June 29. We will resume our study on "The Acts of the Apostles" in the near future (TBD). Please consider joining us on Thursday's, beginning on July 6th (see announcement) in person. Questions? Email Mark.

Name Tags: After many requests, we have put name tags in the pews. However, they only work if you write your name on one and put it on. Please participate so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

SACRED GROUND: Sacred Ground is a race dialogue series that was created by and for the Episcopal Church. It is focused on the challenges that swirl around issues of race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we can have with each other. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. Twenty of our members participated in the program over 3 years ago. We are offering it again but are debating whether this would be best in the summer or fall. If you are interested in taking part in this dialogue, please contact Samantha at sjrector@stjohnshampton.org or call 757-722-2567 and let her know what your preference would be for the time of year. If you would like more information about Sacred Ground, you can visit their website: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

Summer Lunch: This week, Summer Lunch offered hot meals to approximately 38 members of our community; we hope we'll see YOU at one or more of our lunches this summer. We'll be serving a hot lunch every Wednesday from now through August, but this ministry can't happen without you! We need volunteers to cook, set up, serve, and clean up for the following dates: 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, and 8/30; sign up in the parish hall. Any questions, please contact Kay Perry at kperry@wyoming.com.

Book Club: The St. John's Book Club will meet Monday, July 10, at 4pm on the stage in the parish house. For that meeting we will read *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver through the end of Chapter 24 (page 182). New members are welcome! For more information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-325-6676 or edmonson4@cox.net.

Music Camp: St John's is holding its annual Music Camp for rising 1st through 7th grades is the week of July 17-21, from 9 am-noon each day and WE WANT YOU TO COME JOIN US! This year our musical is all about the instruments of the orchestra who come alive and have lively disputes about who is most important among them. We need actors, singers, players, kids who want to learn all about the world of music --- WE WANT YOU! Register on our website right away and tell your friends about us too! It's loads of fun and you learn a lot too!

EM{BRACE}: If you are cleaning out your closets or attics or helping a friend or family member downsize, keep EM {BRACE} in mind. A collection bin will be available in the parish hall to collect Durable Medical Equipment (DME) for those in need in under-developed countries. DME is items such as canes, crutches, braces, splints, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, etc. we are also collecting gently used toys for children in Ukraine. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

Calendar
June 25—July 1, 2023

Sunday
9am Holy Eucharist—Rite II
11am Holy Eucharist—Rite II
12pm Coffee Hour

Monday
10am Charitable Trust
6pm Invite Committee
8pm AA
9pm Compline

Tuesday
9pm Compline

Wednesday
12pm Summer Lunch
9pm Compline

Thursday
11am THRIVE
8pm AA
9pm Compline

Friday
9:15am Women's Al-Anon

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