July 16, 2023
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9 AM
Holy Eucharist — Rite II

Welcome!

We will 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 will not be 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.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving celebration of Ron and Laura Kindley's 35th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Royce E. Jones by Ron and Laura Kindley.

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Prelude *Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group*

Processional Hymn — Levas Hymnal 114 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Opening Acclamation

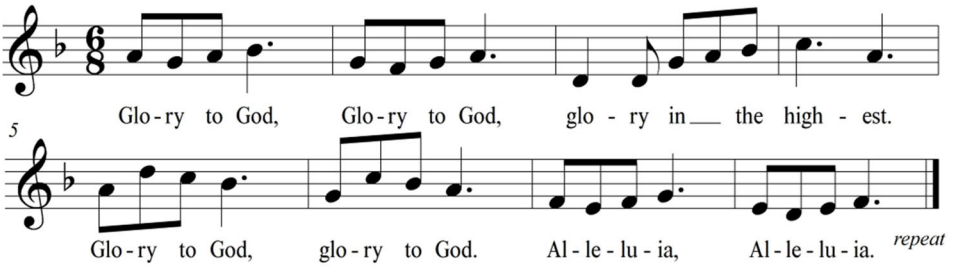
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Word of God

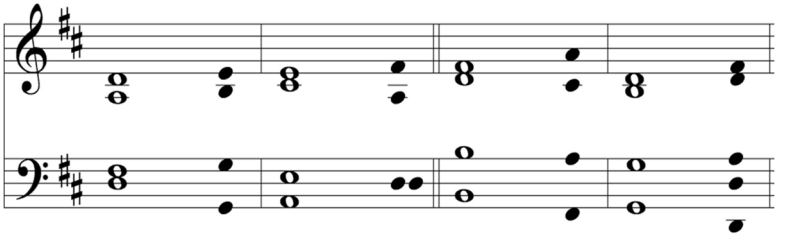
The Old Testament *(seated)* **Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it

shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

The Psalm **Psalm 65:9-14**



9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very/plenteous; *
the river of God is full of/water.
10 You prepare the/grain, *
for so you provide for the/earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the/ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its/increase.
12 You crown the year with your/goodness, *
and your paths overflow with/plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for/grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with/joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with/grain; *
let them shout for joy and/sing.

The Epistle **Romans 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law— indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Sequence Hymn — Levas Hymnal 136 *I have Decided to Follow Jesus*

The Gospel Reading **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"
"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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; for Samantha and Mark, our clergy, 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 Kathy, Chris, Waverly, Trena, Marshall, Whiting, and Judy, ***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 Royce who is remembered today 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 *Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group*

Doxology *(standing)*

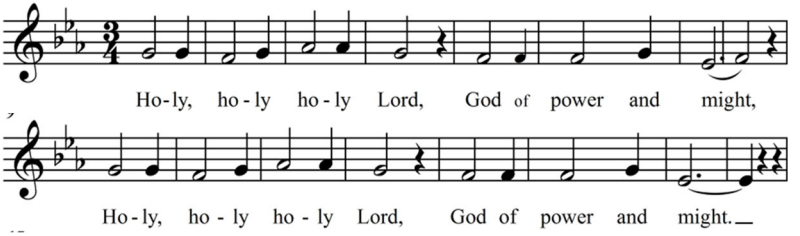
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

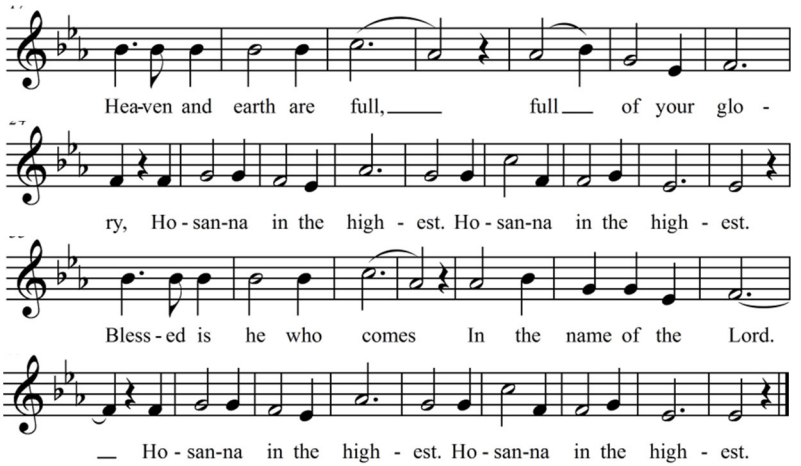
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 *(Gluten free wafers are available upon request)*

Communion Music *Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group*

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 — Levas Hymnal 164 *Do Lord, Remember Me*

Dismissal

Postlude *Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group*

Participating In Today's Service

LEMs Billie Rae Jeffries, Dan Clark
Ushers Doug & Denine Miller
Altar Guild Emily Klotz, Beth Shumate
Acolyte Master Wendy Cumming
Special Music Solid Rock Bluegrass Gospel Group
Music Director/Organist Deborah Carr
Flower Delivery Jane Price

Calendar

July 16– 22, 2023

Sunday
9AM Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Monday
9AM Music Camp
8PM AA
9PM Compline

Tuesday
8:30AM Men's Study Group
9AM Music Camp
9PM Compline

Wednesday
9AM Music Camp
12PM Summer Lunch
5:30PM THRIVE
9PM Compline

Thursday
9AM Music Camp
12PM Bulletin Deadline
1PM Bible Study
8PM AA
9PM Compline

Friday
9AM Music Camp
9:15AM Women's Al-Anon

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, John Hutson, Susan Cowling, Linda McMahon, 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 Kathy Dansey (7/16), Chris McMahon (7/17), Waverly O'Connell (7/19), Trena Stalfort (7/19), Marshall Bagley III (7/20), Whiting Chisman III (7/21), and Judy Shoemaker (7/22)

Announcements

Kneelers: Our pew kneelers are ***not*** on vacation; they're out for restoration. We hope to have them returned to the church soon.

Music Camp: Music Camp starts Tomorrow! It's not too late to register - We need actors, singers, players, kids who want to learn all about the world of music! Register on our website right away and tell your friends about us too! It's loads of fun and you learn a lot too!

Men's Study Group: The Men's Study Group will next meet July 18.

Bible Study: Time change, this week only! Bible study will meet at 1pm, after music camp. We will continue our study on "The Acts of the Apostles"; our new in-person bible study group is just beginning. We normally 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.

Summer Lunch: This week, Summer Lunch offered hot meals to approximately 53 members of our community. We'll be serving a to-go bag lunch this Wednesday, and will return to hot lunches next week. This ministry can't happen without you! We need volunteers to lead the team on August 23rd; 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 24, 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 43 (page 362). New members are welcome! For more information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-325-6676 or edmonson4@cox.net.

Zoom Bible Study: We will resume our study on "The Acts of the Apostles" in the near future (TBD). Please consider joining us on Thursday's in person. Questions? Email Mark.

Rate us on Yelp: Are you a Yelp user? If so, please take a few minutes to provide a review of St. John's. Many people use services like Yelp to find a church.

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.

Healing Prayer: Healing Prayer is being offered weekly in the chapel during Holy Eucharist at both services. If you would like prayer for healing or any request, our prayer team will be in the chapel during Holy Eucharist to pray with you.

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.

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 this fall. If you are interested in taking part in this dialogue, please contact Samantha at sjrector@stjohnshampton.org or call 757-722-2567. If you would like more information about Sacred Ground, you can visit their website: episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

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