



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 1, 2021
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

Together 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 | Glory to God

Taize

Glo-ria, glo-ria, in excelsis Deo! Glo-ria. Glo-ria, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (11am only) | *Children, preschool age through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the Gloria. Please follow physical distancing and wear your mask!*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

Psalm 51:1-13

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**1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.**

**3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.**
**4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON | Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 135

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (v. 5)

Hymn 135

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

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 |

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Adapted from "Enriching Our Worship" p. 46

Let us offer up our prayers to God, saying: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, O Christ

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Greg, the Governor of this state, and Rusty, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will and discipline to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.
Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel.
Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for those experiencing homelessness or hunger.
Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant adds Concluding Collect

Jesus, the true bread that comes down from heaven: leaven us with your Holy Spirit, that the world may know the abundance of life in your new creation. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC | The Spark (7023446) Jason Saenz, Matt Bronleewe, Sara Haze, Todd Clark Ian Flores

<i>Is this the spark where it begins</i>	<i>You are where my soul finds rest</i>	<i>Tell me your love will never fail me</i>
<i>We find freedom from our sins</i>	<i>You are where I lay my head</i>	<i>I'm safe here in your mercy</i>
<i>Is this the place I finally trust</i>	<i>Your grace lets me catch my breath</i>	<i>You're keeping me alive</i>
<i>Your presence is enough to</i>	<i>Lets me fall into your arms again</i>	<i>I need to feel your peace within me</i>
<i>Speak light in my darkness</i>	<i>God, my life shall not roam</i>	<i>Calm the fears that haunt me</i>
<i>Speak life till I know</i>	<i>Lead me where your waters run</i>	<i>Clear away the lies</i>
<i>There's strength for my weakness</i>	<i>You, yourself and nothing less</i>	<i>Tell me your love is in my bloodstream</i>
<i>Slow down oh my soul</i>	<i>All my life I'll fight to rest</i>	<i>It's burning up my heartbeat</i>
		<i>Bringing me your light</i>

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v. 3

*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 B

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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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

(The people stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (8:45 Service Only)

Faithful God, **in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I be renewed to love and to serve; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross arms over chest. Please let Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm (6428767)

Ian Flores

<i>You call me out upon the waters</i>	<i>Your grace abounds in deepest waters</i>
<i>The great unknown where feet may fail</i>	<i>Your sovereign hand</i>
<i>And there I find You in the mystery</i>	<i>Will be my guide</i>
<i>In oceans deep</i>	<i>Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me</i>
<i>My faith will stand</i>	<i>You've never failed and You won't start now</i>
<i>And I will call upon Your name</i>	<i>Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders</i>
<i>And keep my eyes above the waves</i>	<i>Let me walk upon the waters</i>
<i>When oceans rise</i>	<i>Wherever You would call me</i>
<i>My soul will rest in Your embrace</i>	<i>Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander</i>
<i>For I am Yours and You are mine</i>	<i>And my faith will be made stronger</i>
	<i>In the presence of my Savior</i>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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

(source: Celtic)

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN | Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Hymn 344

THE DISMISSAL

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

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, or dirt poor.
And to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or who could afford to lose a few pounds.
We welcome you if you can sing like Beyonce or if you can't carry a note in a bucket.

You're welcome here if you're more Catholic than the Pope or haven't been to church since little Joey's baptism.
We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.
We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters.

We offer a special welcome to those who think the world is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and she wanted to go to church today. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts...and YOU!

(Adapted from Coventry Cathedral, UK)



If you are a visitor or guest, we would love to connect with you! Please visit www.stjohnsnb.com/welcome to fill out a visitor card or email office@stjohnsnb.com and Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

Updated Procedures for Worship & Gathering

- Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear a mask or physically distance indoors or outdoors on church premises. We encourage all who feel safer and wish to wear a mask to do so.
- If, for any reason, you are not fully vaccinated, you are expected to wear a mask and maintain 6-feet physical distancing. We trust that you will follow CDC recommendations and Diocesan guidelines to best honor yourself and your St. John's family, especially children under 12 and others who are unable to be vaccinated.
- You will not need to sign up to attend services and seats will not be assigned. People may sit wherever they choose, being mindful of those who prefer to or need to maintain physical distancing. As the church fills, overflow seating will be provided in the Parish Hall with the service streaming to a TV. Those worshipping in the Parish Hall are invited to walk over to the Sanctuary to receive Communion.
- Bibles and Prayer Books have been returned to the pews. You may use these if you prefer to follow along with the service in the Book of Common Prayer instead of the bulletin.
- While we explore sanitary ways to share Communion with bread and wine, Communion will continue to be served in one kind (bread only) and through the same station method we are using now.
- Church staff and lay leaders who facilitate or lead formation offerings or provide childcare for children under the age of 12 must continue to wear masks and maintain 6-foot physical distance, regardless of that individual's vaccination status.
- Clergy and Eucharistic Ministers are required to wear masks during the distribution of Communion, regardless of that individual's vaccination status.

Congratulations, Emma! Emma Kypuros, our youth leader, is heading to Law School this semester! Please pray for a new youth leader. Find job details and application information at stjohnsnb.com/jobs

Capital Project Open Forum | Feedback Due Today

Thank you to all who attended the Open Forums the past two Sundays. We hope that after hearing the information presented you will let us know what you believe is the best option for our next capital project. If you missed the forums, each are recorded and available to review on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/StJohnsEpiscopalChurch. Please submit your feedback via comment card or email to Fr. Ripp, Rev. Lucy or a Vestry member by this evening, August 1.

New Online Member Portal | Please log in to our new online member portal to confirm your contact information and check out the online directory. An invite was emailed to church members on July 8 and 148 have been left unopened. If you cannot find your invitation or need help, please email jenny@stjohnsnb.com.

WORSHIP

Recovery Sunday | August 8 at 8:45 & 11 a.m.

The sermon will be given by guest speaker Dale Sullivan, who leads the women's AA group that meets at St. John's.

August Sunset Service | August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

On August 8 we will hold a casual, outdoor Eucharist service on the lawn outside the Parish Hall. Bring your own chair or blanket and join us!

OUTREACH

SOS Food Bank Work Day | Wednesday July 7 | 1 - 4 p.m.

St. John's scheduled work day at the SOS Food Bank is the first Wednesday of each month. We are meeting there on Wednesday July 7th. The address is: 248 W Merriweather Street. Please reach out to Bob Wells at 713-822-6151 and/or email at blabwells@gmail.com with any questions about this ministry.

NURTURE

Practicing Prayer Together: Sundays in August | 10-10:45 a.m. | Parish Hall and on Zoom

There are many different ways to pray, and we will practice 5 ways together. Each week will involve an introduction and then practicing together. This experiential class will regather us for prayer together before we begin the fall semester. Come learn or rediscover ways Christians have been praying together for centuries! Nursery will be available during this class.

August 1- Intro & Centering Prayer

August 22- Lectio Divina

August 8- Daily Examen

August 29- Praying the Daily Office

August 15- Walking the Labyrinth

(in the Book of Common Prayer)

Sundays in August with Ms. Cheryl | August 1, 8, and 15 | 10-10:50 a.m.

Prayer investigations coming soon! Grab your detective cap and join Ms. Cheryl in the Children's Gathering Space for the who, what, when, where, and why of prayer.

Sacred Ground | Class beginning in September | Date & Time TBD

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Our group will walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. If you are interested in being a part of the class beginning in September, please email heidiforgione@gmail.com

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