



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | July 18, 2021
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
St. John's Episcopal Church

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

OPENING HYMN | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1, 3, 6)

Hymn 493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

*Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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 | The Invitatory: Venite

Hymn S-35

*Come let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

*The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.*

*For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me

a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:20-37

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20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.

27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.

36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

SECOND LESSON | Ephesians 1:3-14

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

<i>My Shepherd will supply my need:</i>	<i>When I walk through the shades of death,</i>
<i>Jehovah is His Name;</i>	<i>thy presence is my stay;</i>
<i>in pastures fresh he makes me feed,</i>	<i>one word of thy supporting breath</i>
<i>beside the living stream.</i>	<i>drives all my fears away.</i>
<i>He brings my wandering spirit back</i>	<i>Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,</i>
<i>when I forsake his ways,</i>	<i>doth still my table spread;</i>
<i>and leads me, for his mercy's sake,</i>	<i>my cup with blessings overflows,</i>
<i>in paths of truth and grace.</i>	<i>thy oil anoints my head.</i>

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (v. 3)

Hymn 664

<i>The sure provisions of my God</i>	<i>There would I find a settled rest,</i>
<i>attend me all my days;</i>	<i>while others go and come;</i>
<i>O may thy house be mine abode,</i>	<i>no more a stranger or a guest,</i>
<i>and all my work be praise.</i>	<i>but like a child at home.</i>

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

NICENE CREED

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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.

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and David and Rayford our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant adds Concluding Collect

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **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 | Marvelous Light (Charlie Hall) 4491002

Ian Flores

*I once was fatherless,
a stranger with no hope;
Your kindness wakened me,
Awakened me, from my sleep
Your love it beckons deeply,
a call to come and die.
By grace now I will come*

*And take this life, take Your life.
Sin has lost its power,
death has lost its sting.
From the grave You've risen
Victoriously!
Into marvelous light I'm running,
Out of darkness, out of shame.
By the cross you are the truth,
You are the life, you are the way*

*My dead heart now is beating,
My deepest stains now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs.
Now I'm free. Now I'm free!
Lift my hands and spin around,
See the light that I have found.
Oh the marvelous light
Marvelous light*

*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 2; Enriching Our Worship p. 60

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Hymn S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

God of power and might,

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

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

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 | Reckless Love (Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, Ran Jackson) 7089641

Ian Flores

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me

You have been so, so good to me

Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me

You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me

You have been so, so good to me

When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me

You have been so, so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up

Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down

Coming after me

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Loving God, **we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

(source: Celtic)

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | The Church's One Foundation (v. 1, 2, 5)

Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ her Lord;

she is his new creation

by water and the word:

from heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,

yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation,

one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy Name she blesses,

partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses,

with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union

with God, the Three in One,

and mystic sweet communion

with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek and lowly,

on high may dwell with thee.

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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-foot 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.

Capital Project Open Forum | Today at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join Fr. Ripp, Rev. Lucy and the Vestry to hear about the needs for improvements in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary. We hope that after hearing the information at the forum you will be able to provide your input on what you believe is the best option for our next capital project.

WORSHIP

Noonday Prayer Update

Beginning the first week of August, Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live will be offered on Wednesdays only. We will follow the format on page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer, and we invite you to sign up to lead the prayers (no homily needed!). Email Rev. Lucy at lucy@stjohnsnb.com with questions. Many thanks to the volunteers who have kept this ministry going over the last 16 months!

OUTREACH

"Pack the Bus" CIS School Supply Drive | July 15 - August 5

In support of Communities in Schools and local students in need of assistance, our annual school supply drive is here! Drop off donations at the church office during business hours or on Sunday mornings in the bin outside the Sanctuary.

Supplies needed: Wide ruled composition notebooks, primary composition books, plastic folders with brads and pockets, reusable water bottles, 1" - 3" binders, large backpacks, padlocks, poster board, flash drives, calculators, earbuds, stylus, dry erase markers, divider tabs, markers, Fiskar scissors, colored pencils, pencil bags and boxes.

NURTURE

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

There are many different ways to pray, and we will practice 5 ways together: Centering Prayer, Daily Examen, Walking the Labyrinth, Lectio Divina, and Praying with the Book of Common Prayer. 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!

August 1- Intro & Centering Prayer	August 22- Lectio Divina
August 8- Daily Examen	August 29- Praying the Daily Office (in the Book of Common Prayer)
August 15- Walking the Labyrinth	

Stephen Ministry

STJEC's Stephen Ministry will begin Stephen Minister training on September 15. This training will continue for twenty (20) weeks, ending February 2022. St. John's Stephen Ministry thanks Karen Shumway, Jim Whitcomb, Kathy Simmons, and Velda Vukoder for their commitment to bringing Christ's love and care to those during a time of need. If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Ripp, Rev. Lucy or your Stephen Ministry Leaders, Bruce and Shelley Howard, shellbythelake@gmail.com or 214.236.0167.

Sundays in August with Ms. Cheryl | August 1, 8, 15, and 29 | 10-10:50am

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.

Nursery is open! The nursery will be available during both services. Attendees should sign up in advance at stjohnsnb.com/nursery

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