



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | July 25, 2021
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our beloved brother and friend, Patrick Lawless, by Cathi Long.*

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 | The Invitatory: Venite

Hymn S-35

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

BCP p. 230

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

SECOND LESSON | Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Just As I Am, Without One Plea (v. 1, 4)

Hymn 693

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.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Just As I Am, Without One Plea (v. 5)

Hymn 693

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 | Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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

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 | Heal (Allison Moorer)

Kathy James

<i>No matter how I try, I end up on the ground</i>	<i>[Chorus]</i>
<i>Another orphan waitin' in the lost-and-found</i>	<i>Help me lay my weapons down</i>
<i>Over and over, I take it on the chin</i>	<i>Help me give the love I feel</i>
<i>Fists up to the world, fighting a fight I cannot win</i>	<i>Help me hold myself with kindness</i>
<i>Yeah, I'm tough but I wasn't born this way</i>	<i>And help me heal</i>
<i>I grew hard because I had to, carrying the weight</i>	<i>Remove all of the false</i>
<i>I wanna let it go, I wanna set it free</i>	<i>Show me what is real</i>
<i>But everywhere I turn the fight follows me</i>	<i>Oh Lord, help me heal</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 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,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 | Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm (6428767)

Kathy James

<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

Enriching Our Worship p. 70

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| Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v. 1, 2, 4)

Hymn 423

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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.
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-feet 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 | Feedback Due August 1

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 August 1.

Kyle & Caitrin Alexander wish to extend a big "thank you" to all who donated children's books in memory of their daughter, Embree. The collection was a success and the books will be distributed soon!

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

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

In support of Communities in Schools, our annual school supply drive is here! Drop off donations at the church office during the week or on Sunday mornings outside the Sanctuary. Supplies needed: Wide ruled and primary composition notebooks, 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 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)

Stephen Ministry | "We are Care Givers; God is the Cure Giver"

St. John's Stephen Ministry will celebrate the commissioning of Stephen Ministers in February 2022. Upon becoming commissioned, our Stephen Ministers will be ready and available to bring Christ's love and care to those suffering. If you know of someone who would benefit from this care, please contact your Stephen Ministry Leaders, Bruce and Shelley Howard, 214.236.0167.

Sundays in August with Ms. Cheryl | August 1, 8, and 15 | 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 and during the Adult Christian Education hour in August. Attendees should sign up in advance at stjohnsnb.com/nursery

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