



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 15, 2021  
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*The flowers on the altar are arranged by Megan St. Clair and 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON | 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 111

BCP p. 754

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| 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *<br>in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. | 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *<br>the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. |
| 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *<br>they are studied by all who delight in them.  | 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *<br>he is ever mindful of his covenant.                    |
| 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *<br>and his righteousness endures for ever.                                    | 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *<br>in giving them the lands of the nations.     |

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## SECOND LESSON | Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 408

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (v. 3)

Hymn 408

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Lucy Strandlund

*A period of silence for reflection will follow.*

## NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

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.

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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 | How Deep the Father's Love (1558110) Stuart Townend

Ian Flores

<i>How deep the Father's love for us</i>	<i>Behold the man upon a cross</i>	<i>I will not boast in anything</i>
<i>How vast beyond all measure</i>	<i>My sin upon His shoulders</i>	<i>No gifts, no power, no wisdom</i>
<i>That He should give His only Son</i>	<i>Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice</i>	<i>But I will boast in Jesus Christ</i>
<i>To make a wretch His treasure</i>	<i>Call out among the scoffers</i>	<i>His death and resurrection</i>
<i>How great the pain of searing loss</i>	<i>It was my sin that held Him there</i>	<i>Why should I gain from His reward?</i>
<i>The Father turns His face away</i>	<i>Until it was accomplished</i>	<i>I cannot give an answer</i>
<i>As wounds which mar the Chosen One</i>	<i>His dying breath has brought me life</i>	<i>But this I know with all my heart</i>
<i>Bring many sons to glory</i>	<i>I know that it is finished</i>	<i>His wounds have paid my ransom</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

BCP p. 367

*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:

## SANCTUS

Hymn S-130

<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,</i>	<i>Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,</i>	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>
<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>	<i>Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

*(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 | Skeleton Bones (5582226)

Ian Flores

*Peel back our ribs again  
and stand inside of our chest.*

*We just wanna' love you*

*We just wanna' love you*

*Peel back the veil of time*

*And let us see You with our naked eyes*

*We just wanna' love you*

*We just wanna' love you*

*Skeleton bones stand at the sound of eternity*

*On the lips of the found*

*And gravestones roll*

*To the rhythm of the sound of you*

*Skeleton bones stand at the sound of eternity*

*On the lips of the found*

*So separate those doors*

*And let the son of resurrection in.*

*Oh let us adore the*

*Son of Glory drenched in love*

*Open up your gates before him*

*Crown Him, stand Him up*

*We want your blood to flow inside our body*

*We want your wind inside our lungs*

*We just wanna' love you*

*We just wanna' love you*

#### 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 | When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Hymn 420

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

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

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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](http://www.stjohnsnb.com/welcome) to fill out a visitor card or email [office@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:office@stjohnsnb.com) and Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

## Updated Procedures for Worship & Gathering

- Following current CDC guidance, all people, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, are required to wear a mask while indoors.
- 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.

**Attention Ministry Leaders!** The Growing Together informational meeting originally scheduled for today will take place over email. Please read the email sent this week and follow up with [jenny@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:jenny@stjohnsnb.com) with any questions as we prepare for our Growing Together event on September 12.

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

**Children's Sunday School Registration opens online today!**

Find the link in eNews and online.

**August 15 - 22 | Chalk Walk**

Write your prayers for kids, teachers and families on the chalkboard outside the church.

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Breakfast of Champions | August 22**

All students, educators, and school staff members are invited to bring their backpacks, be recognized and receive a special blessing at either service as we prepare to start a new school year. You are also invited to enjoy a "Breakfast of Champions" between services.

**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](mailto:heidiforgione@gmail.com)

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