



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Recovery Sunday
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | August 8, 2021
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*The flowers on the altar are given by Linda and Bob Balez
to the glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary.*

Floral arrangement by Carrie and Carol Martin.

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.**
Celebrant Let us pray together the Serenity Prayer.
People **God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**
Celebrant In our worship we will say together the 12 Steps as they impact all our affairs and celebrate our gratitude.
 Step 1: **We admitted we were powerless over addictions. That our lives had become unmanageable.**
 Step 2: **Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

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 | Glory to God

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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.
 Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
 Step 3: **Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God.**

FIRST LESSON | 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

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**1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?**

**3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.**

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND LESSON | Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 383

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 3)

Hymn 383

THE SERMON

Dale Sullivan

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

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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.

THE LITANY OF HEALING

Reader Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.
The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Reader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Reader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Reader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Reader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Reader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
People **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Reader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People **Hear us, O Lord of Life.**

Reader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Reader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Reader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Reader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Reader You are the Lord who does wonders;
People **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Reader With you, O Lord, is the well of life;
People **And in your light we see light.**

Reader Hear us, O Lord of Life;
People **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Reader Let us pray.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

Almighty God, giver of life and health, send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

Step 4: **Made a searching and fearless moral inventory.**

Step 5: **Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

Step 6: **Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

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.

Step 7: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in in goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

OFFERTORY MUSIC | All the Poor and Powerless (5881130) David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

Ian Flores

<i>All the poor and powerless</i>	<i>And all the hearts that are content</i>	<i>Shout it</i>
<i>And all the lost and lonely</i>	<i>And all who feel unworthy</i>	<i>Go on and scream it from the mountains</i>
<i>All the thieves will come confess</i>	<i>And all who hurt with nothing left</i>	<i>Go on and tell it to the masses</i>
<i>And know that You are holy</i>	<i>Will know that You are holy</i>	<i>That He is God</i>
<i>Will know that You are holy</i>	<i>And all will sing out</i>	
<i>And all will sing out</i>	<i>Hallelujah</i>	
<i>Hallelujah</i>	<i>And we will cry out</i>	
<i>And we will cry out</i>	<i>Hallelujah</i>	
<i>Hallelujah</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 | “Always” (5881037) Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill

Ian Flores

<i>My foes are many, they rise against me</i>	<i>Troubles surround me, chaos abounding</i>
<i>But I will hold my ground</i>	<i>My soul will rest in You</i>
<i>I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm</i>	<i>I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm</i>
<i>My help is on the way, my help is on the way</i>	<i>My help is on the way, my help is on the way</i>
<i>Oh, my God, He will not delay</i>	<i>I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord</i>
<i>My refuge and strength always</i>	<i>I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord</i>
<i>I will not fear, His promise is true</i>	<i>I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord</i>
<i>My God will come through always, always</i>	<i>I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord</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.

Step 12: **Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to those addicted, and to practice these principles in all affairs.**

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 | God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn 594

THE DISMISSAL

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<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	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-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.

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!

Attention Ministry Leaders! Make plans to attend the Growing Together informational meeting on Sunday, August 15 at 12:15pm. If you cannot attend please send someone in your place. Light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to jenny@stjohnsnb.com

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 as of July 28, 148 have been left unopened. If you cannot find your invitation or need help, please email jenny@stjohnsnb.com.

WORSHIP

Sunset Service | Tonight at 7:30 p.m. on the Parish Hall lawn

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

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 | 10-10:50am

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.

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.

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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