



MISSION STATEMENT

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Prayer D

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PRELUDE: Appalachian Instrumentals- Mike Spring and The Rev. Tim Black

Entrance Hymn- *All Things Bright and Beautiful-* **Hymnal 405**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing

Choir and Congregation

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made, That the Lord hath made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it

And be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord hath made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING:

Cariol Neebel

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Psalm 66:7-18-Alternating by whole verse- beginning with the Celebrant.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING:

Mike Spring

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN- *Alleluia, give thanks to the risen lord-* **Hymnal 178**

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

All stand.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

THE CREED

All stand.

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.

All remain standing.

A Litany for the Mission of the Church and Installation of St. John's Genesis II Team.

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry.

Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Celebrant: Dear Siblings-in-Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and give gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to commission these people for the Ministry of Church Redevelopment.

The Celebrant addresses a representative from the vestry.

Are these persons whom you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by their knowledge of their duties, to exercise the ministry of Church Redevelopment to the honor of God, and the well-being of the Church?

Vestry Representative : I believe they are.

Celebrant (to the teachers): You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence, prayer, and an open and loving heart?

Genesis II Team : I will.

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation and community?

Genesis II Team: I will.

Celebrant: Let us pray. God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who serve in your church. We pray today that by word and example the Genesis II team will lead us through the work, changes and conversations this church needs to redevelop its mission in your world. Energize them, send your holy spirit upon them, give them courage, creativity, and love as they do this work you have called them to do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Genesis II Church Redevelopers for St. John's and God's Church in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *AMEN*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

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We end the peace by singing:

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that our unity may one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The Congregation may remain seated during the offertory hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN: *This is my Father's World*

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, your own own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of

your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed John, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)*
(Plainsong/Douglas)

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

People and Celebrant

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either priest intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you desire priest intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.

COMMUNION HYMN- *Now the Green Blade Riseth - Hymnal 204*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.* May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.* May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Come ye Faithful raise the strain- Hymnal 199*

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: *Gilderoy-* Instrumental- Traditional

PARISH NOTES

The Genesis II Team's Commissioning service this morning will bless the work of a team of parishioners from St. John's who are a part of the Diocesan Genesis II process. Genesis II is a spiritual pilgrimage we are taking with other churches from the diocese of Atlanta and will give us the opportunity to discern the ways in which we can redevelop and re-energize St. John's mission in our community. You will be invited, on many occasions, to take part in their work. Please pray for Richard Pflieger, Pat Roberts, Archie Polk, Mike Spring, and Carol Nabeel as they do this important work.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Hospitality Suite- After the service, just go through the double doors to the left toward the front of the sanctuary. Coffee hour is a time of fellowship and conversation and an opportunity for the community to connect.

Parents interested in being a part of our redeveloping Children ministries are invited to conversation with Carol Nabeel by emailing her at trustnhope2016@gmail.com or connecting with her at Coffee Hour or before Church. We are working toward having Children's Formation starting this Fall and would enjoy your input and help. In the meantime, please bring your kids to church and take advantage of the resources in the narthex (lobby) that will help your children participate in worship.

Carol will be available to talk about Sunday School from 11:30 – 12:30 Stay tuned for more developments in this area soon!

At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom May 14, 2023 You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Wednesday Night Supper - 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to info@stjohnscollegepark.org

Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Our Wednesday night bible study continues with a study on the Acts of the Apostles. We will be reading this book of scripture together from start to finish. Come and join us on this week as we continue to read and study God’s word.

Please subscribe to our email: Complete information about what is happening at St. John’s can be received in your inbox just by signing up for our weekly email. (If you do not get email, we can make arrangements for you to get a copy of the weekly news). To sign up, please email us at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

Give by Texting- You can use your phone’s text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message.** You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

Sunday May 14, 2023

Guitarist: Michael Spring and Father Tim.

Readers: Cairol Nabeel and Mike Spring

Vergers: Val Valverde

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Church Administrator: Terry Glover

Vestry Members

Daniel Hudson, Hospitality

Archie Polk, Evangelism

Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden

Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

Val Valverde, Worship & Music

Sherran Davis, Clerk

Richard Pflieger, Treasurer

SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE PARK
MAY 28, 2023, 10:00-2:00

COMMUNITY PICNIC AND BARBECUE

**PENTECOST SUNDAY- "MASS ON THE GRASS"- 10:00
PICNIC- 11:00**

**COME JOIN US FOR MUSIC AND FOOD
(GRILLED BURGERS AND DOGS WITH VEGETARIAN OPTIONS)
FUN FOR ALL AGES**



MAY 28, 2023- 10:00-2:00

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To help with the food and fun, contact Hospitality Chair Daniel Hudson awiunole@gmail.com