



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.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023
Holy Eucharist
New Zealand Book of Common Prayer**

St. John's Episcopal Church
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*Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. **Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!***

The Word of God

Prelude: O Paradise, O Paradise

by J. Bernby

OPENING HYMN- *Oh this day of radiant gladness-* **Blue Hymnal 48**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever, *AMEN*

COLLECT FOR PURITY- *Celebrant and People*

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.*

Centering Song- *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

Michael Proscia

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:105-112- *By whole verse, starting with the Celebrant*

105. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

106. I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

107. I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108. Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

109. My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

110. The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111. Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112. I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes for ever and to the end.

SECOND READING:

Carol Nebel

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN- *Blessed Assurance*- LEVAS 184 (Red & Black Hymnal)

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he

told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” “Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

HOMILY – 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrew Hales

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray for our sister parish in Cape
Coast, Ghana, The Church of St. Mary the Virgin and their priests Fathers Francis and
Enoch.
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray today for:
Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Fernanda
Contreras, Debra Cole and Kenny Sexton

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray today for: Renetta Lynch and Jimmie
Troutman.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence.

We thank you, God;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Celebrant: Lord, hear our prayers, and what we have asked gratefully may you grant
effectually to the glory of your name. Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

We conclude the Passing of 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 someday 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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Blest be the King*- Blue Hymnal 74

The congregation stands as the offerings are presented during the singing of the Doxology.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all — bless - ings flow,
Praise Him all crea - tures, here be - low.
Praise Him a - bove ye — heav - en - ly host.
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

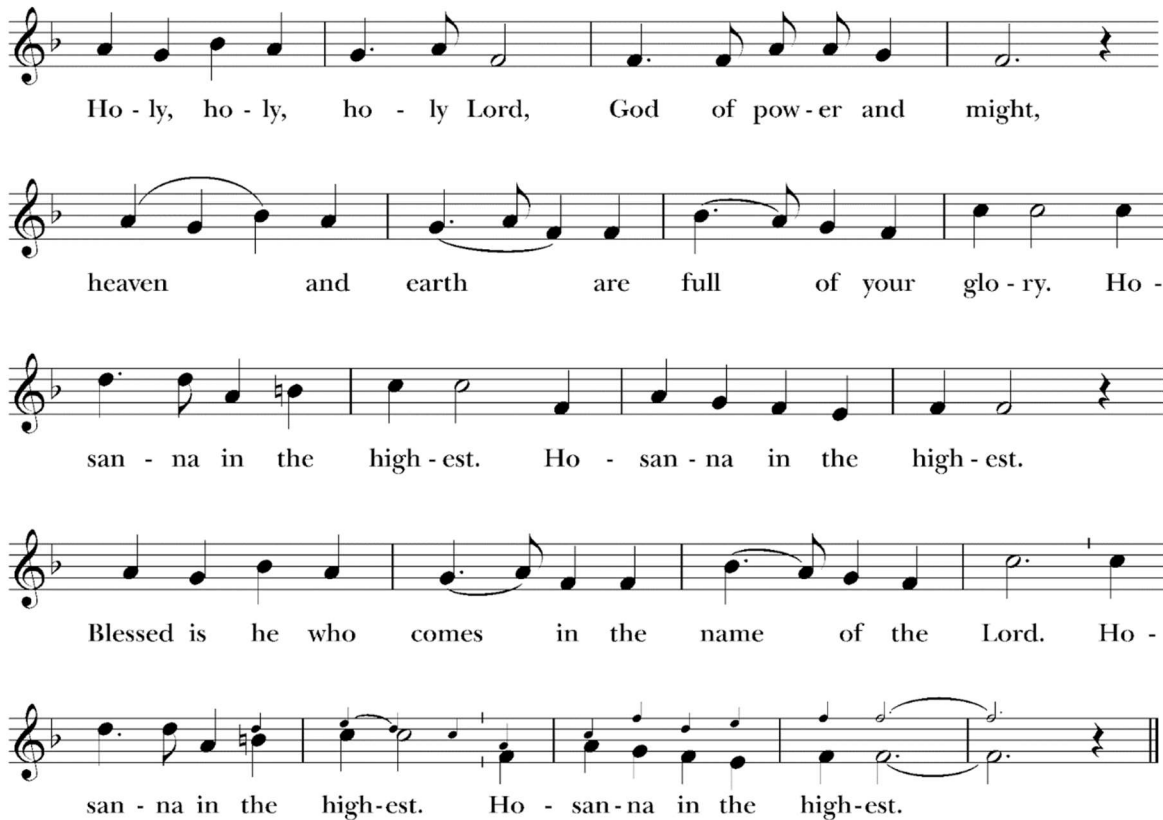
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, almighty God, that on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper Christ took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Celebrant and People

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

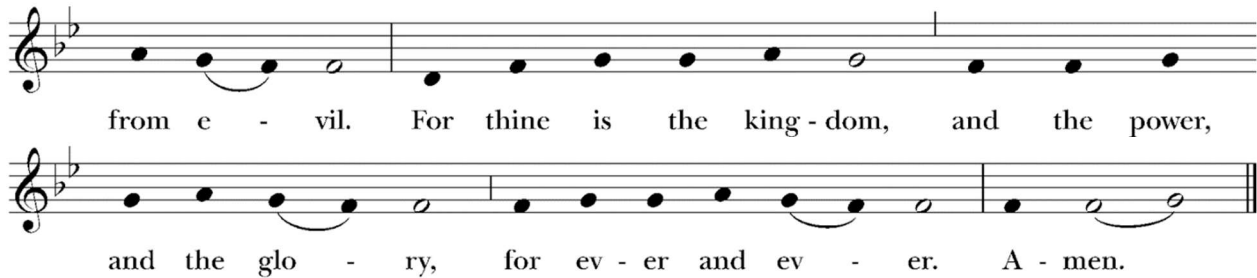
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)

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



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. 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 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 prefer intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.

COMMUNION HYMN- *Just as I am*- LEVAS 137 (Red and Black Hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people:

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy and loves you like a Mother. Walk the good road, do not return evil for evil and always show hospitality to the strangers in your midst. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. AMEN.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN : *Lord of all hopefulness*- Blue Hymnal 482

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE – Postlude: Abide With Me by W. Monk

PARISH NOTES

At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom July 16, 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.

Bible study and Wednesday Night Supper will be taking a break in July and returning on August 2. Bible study will resume its deep dive into the Acts of the Apostles in August.

Music in the Horseshoe Returns July 21- Join us as we enjoy the end of the day together with food and drink (BYOB and Food- free tea, lemonade and water) and enjoy some blues with guitarist and singer Alex Lotito of *The Titos*. Free! Bring a friend (or four!)

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

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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

Book Club will begin once again on Sunday, July 30th at 11:30 after coffee hour. We will be discussing the book *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything- Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places*. The book is available on Amazon and other online outlets. Father Tim has 5 copies of the book available for \$10.00 each. This book tells the story of an intown church in Bloomington, Indiana, and how they became a vital force for good in their neighborhood. (Kind of like we are doing now!). For more information email Father Tim at priest@stjohnscollegepark.org

Sunday July 16, 2023

Readers: Michael Proscia and Carol Nebel
Prayers of the People: Andrew Hales
Verger: Val Valverde
Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black
Organist: Toku Kawata
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 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

**Featuring
Alex Lotito
of "The Titos"**



**FRIDAY, JULY 21st
at 7:00**

St. John's Episcopal Church Horseshoe Garden

Come enjoy an acoustic set from one of Atlanta's finest rock and blues performers, Alex Lotito. Bring a picnic (lemonade tea & water provided) and as many friends as you like. (It's free!) Hear some great tunes in a beautiful spot with your friendly, neighborhood church.
Check out *The Titos* at www.thetitos.com/band

RAIN OR SHINE! In the event of rain, we will picnic and perform inside.

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**ST. JOHN'S MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 7:00**

FEATURING



**THE
ANTIDOTE**

A documentary that shares stories of kindness, decency, and the power of community. The Antidote is about who we are and who we can be. Film followed by a discussion. Free popcorn and drinks (lemonade, tea and water). All are welcome. Sponsored by St. John's Genesis II team.

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