



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.

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023
Holy Eucharist
New Zealand Book of Common Prayer**

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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!***

Prelude: You have come down to the lakeshore
Gift of Finest Wheat

Soloist: Val Verde
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OPENING HYMN- *Praise my soul, The King of heaven* – H 410 (**Blue Hymnal**)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: And blessed be 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.*

HYMN OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

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.

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.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

Jessica Walters

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Read responsively, by whole verse, beginning with Celebrant

Psalm 133

1. Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
2. It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
3. Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

**SECOND READING:
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

Val Valverde

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN- *Pass me not O Gentle Savior*- LEVAS 139 (Red & Black Hymnal)

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28

All stand.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Archie Polk

All remain standing.

Sisters and brothers, the word of faith that we proclaim is near you, on your lips and in your heart! So let us pray to God, saying, “Be generous to all who call on you; *Lord, save us.*”

Lord God, capture our hearts. May your Holy Spirit prepare a way upon which the beautiful feet of your servants can bring good news to all those who are wearied by too much bad news.

Silence. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Lord of all, your love makes no distinction between peoples or nations. We pray that wars and violence cease. May your reign of peace and justice come quickly.

Silence. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Holy God, your Son walked on the water even as your Spirit moved over the face of the waters in creation. May we learn to respect the beauty and mystery, the power and goodness, of all you have made.

Silence. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Strong God, give us wisdom like your servant Joseph that this congregation may be a symbol of hope and integrity to the leaders of our city and neighborhood. We pray for all who work for the public good. We pray today for the staff, students and parents of Liberation Academy. We pray for our Mayor, Bianca.

Silence. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Lord Christ, you bid your people be not afraid. You have promised that all who call on your name shall be saved. And so make your deeds known among the people—especially those in trouble, sickness, and pain. We pray for Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Fernanda Contreras, Amy Wilson and Coleman Parks and his family

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

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

God of our ancestors, by your strength you rescue life even from the depths of the pit. You raised your Son from the grips of death and through him have promised to give new life to all who have died. We pray today for Nancy Ella Hicks Harrison. May the dead rest in peace, even as they await the day of resurrection.

The congregation is invited to add its petitions, out loud or silently.

Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord, save us.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Minister 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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- *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*- H 608 (Blue Hymnal)

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

THE 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 God, everlasting Creator, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 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
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

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- Dear Lord & Father of Mankind H- 652 (Blue 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:

Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who made us, who loves us, who travels with us, be with you, now and forever. AMEN.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation-* H 390 (Blue Hymnal)

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE – I, the Lord of sea and sky

Soloist: Val Verde

PARISH NOTES

At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom August 20, 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.

Wednesday Night Supper is starting back Wednesday, August 23 from 6-8:00. Join your parish family for dinner at 6, followed by bible study at 7.

Bible study will be on zoom this week. Use the same zoom as Sunday morning worship.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfрукhfurgD8>

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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

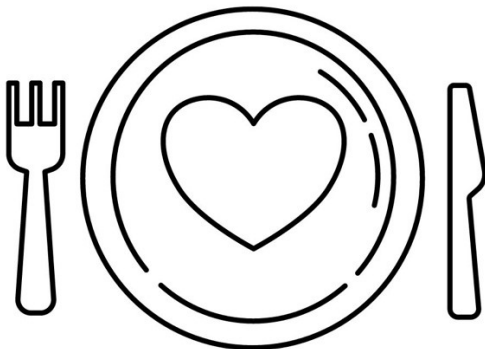
Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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Sunday August 20, 2023

Readers: Jessica Walters and Val Valverde
Prayers of the People: Archie Polk
Verger: Richard Pfleger
Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black
Organist: Toku Kawata
Church Administrator: Terry Glover

Vestry
Daniel Hudson, Hospitality
Archie Polk, Evangelism
Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden
Val Valverde, Worship & Music
Sherran Davis, Clerk



Wednesday Night Supper Begins

August 23 at 530 PM

Join your parish family and guests from the community each week for a "humpday" dinner. \$5.00 donation suggested. \$20.00 Family Limit
Let us know you're coming by emailing info@stjohnscollegepark.org

**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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St. John's
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Join us for Tri-Cities First Responders Sunday



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Service- 10:00 Cookout Picnic- 11:00

**To help with the day email
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St. John's College Park Music Series Welcomes
Heart Hunters



FRIDAY, September 15 at 7 PM
In St. John's Horseshoe Garden

"Heart Hunters' music might sound delicate on first listen, but it packs a heavy punch. Born of the American zeitgeist, as well as the personal experiences of Brianna Blackbird and her husband No River City founder Drew de Man, American Eclipse is simultaneously a deeply personal and overtly political album."
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