



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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Holy Eucharist

Rite I

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 & 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 College Park, East Point & Hapeville.

Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN- *All Things Bright And Beautiful*- **Blue Hymnal- 405**

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.*

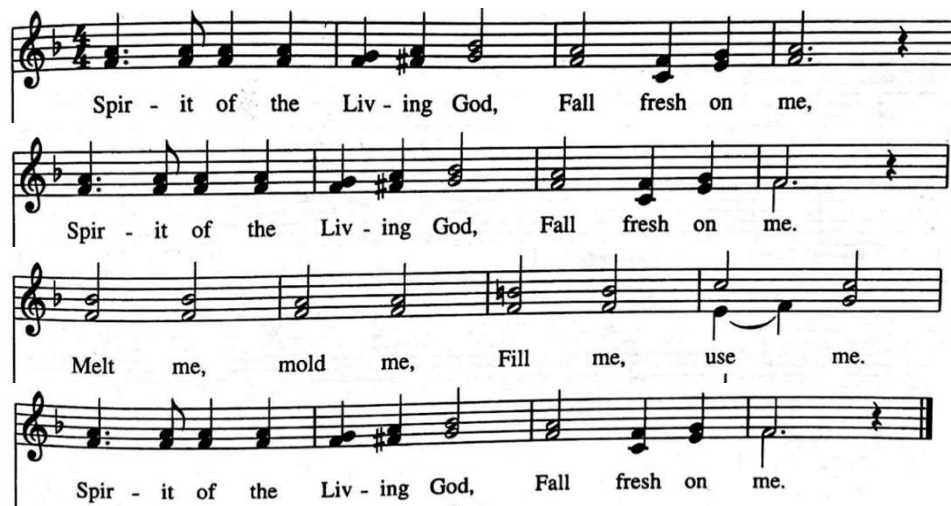
COLLECT FOR PURITY- *Celebrant and People :*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant Continues:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: **Exodus 17:1-7**

Jessica Walters

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

We will pray the selection from Psalm 78 responsively, beginning with the Priest.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

1. Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. *I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.*
3. That which we have heard and known
and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.
4. *We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works he has done.*
12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. *He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.*
14. He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15. *He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.*
16. He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Archie Polk

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the singing of the hymn and reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Chant- You have Grounded my Soul

Join in with the melody or the "drone" notes

You have ground - ed my soul deep - ly in you, O God; ___

Drone
Om

___ and I am end - less - ly trea - - sured. ___

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Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?" "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

HOMILY – Saint John’s Genesis II Church Redevelopment Leadership Team
 Father Tim, Mike Spring, Archie Polk, Pat Roberts and Richard Pflieger

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

Charles Mizelle

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our president, Brian our governor and Bianca, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Barbara Hammond, Rainer Robinson and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Inayat Shamdin and Sandra Dorsey beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions.

Celebrant: Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and Congregation: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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:

*There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
 There are sweet expressions on each face and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
 Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
 And for these blessings, we lift our hearts with praise;
 Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

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- *Lord make us servants of your peace-* **Blue Hymnal – 593**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

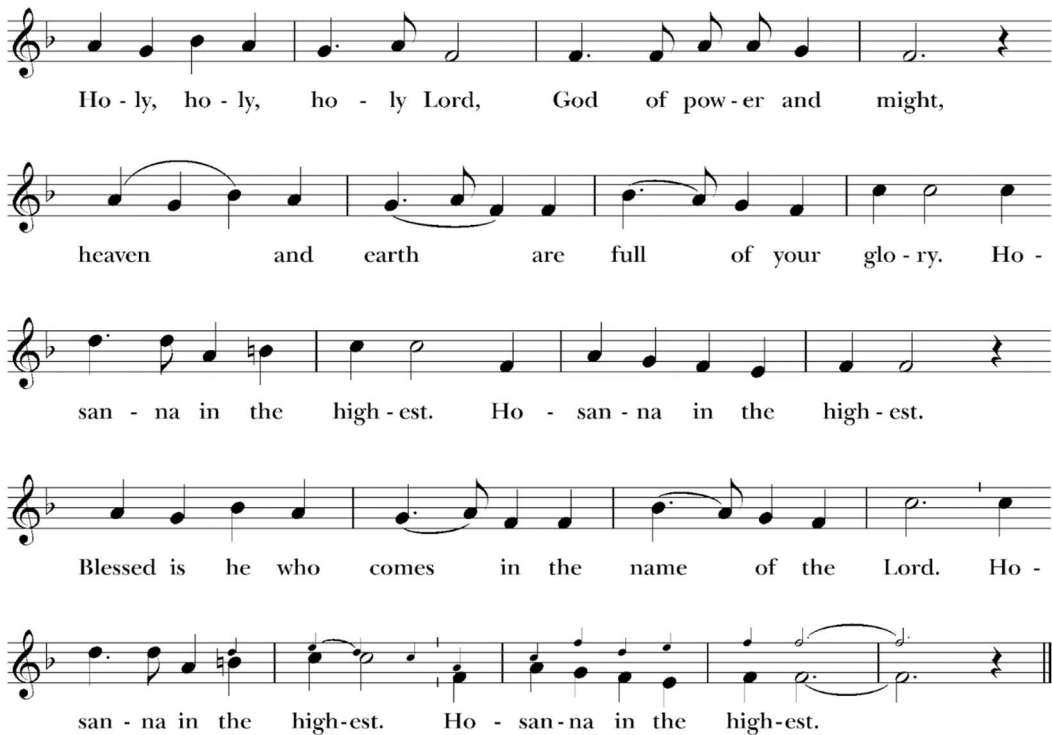
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People- *The celebrant will sing the starting pitch, after which the congregation and celebrant will sing, a cappella:*



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 be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

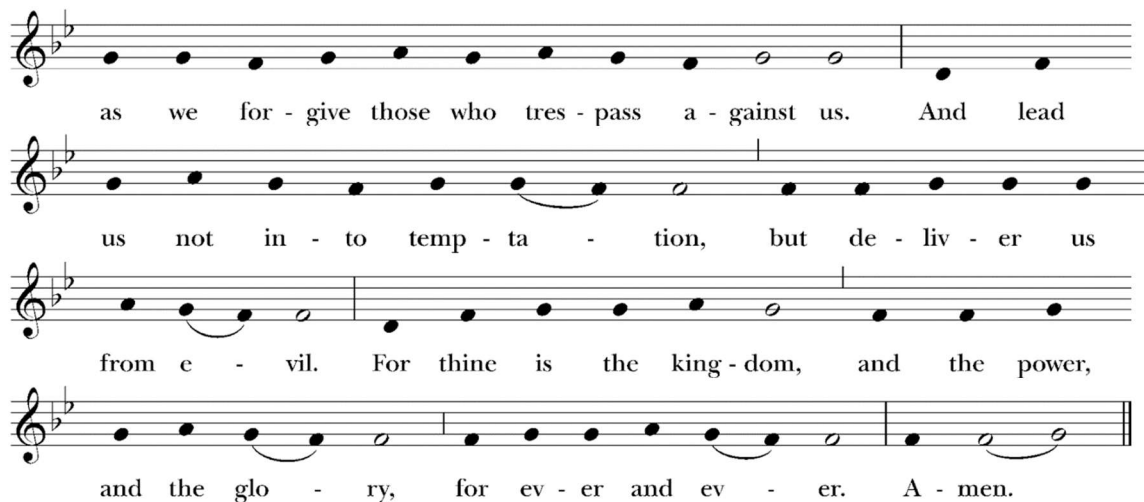
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant will sing the opening pitch, after which the congregation and celebrant will sing The Lord's Prayer a cappella.

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 ANTHEM- Lord I Need You-

Angel C. Jane, solo

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN : *All Creatures of our God and King*— vs. 1-3 & 7 -
Blue Hymnal 400

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

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

PARISH NOTES



**Sign up For the St. John's -HCPNA Yard Sale
(and you can bring in items to sell.)**

All who work a two-hour shift can bring in items & we will also sell items from St. John's. **All proceeds will benefit the outreach fund.** Being a part of this also will give us the opportunity to be more visible in the neighborhood. Unsold items will need to be picked up or will be disposed of after the yard sale. **Sign up by using the QR Code or by clicking the link below.** Items can be brought in Saturday Morning.



Blessing of our Animal
Companions Service
4:00 PM October 1, 2023

St John's Episcopal Church
3480 E Main Street, College Park



Bring your (leashed or caged) dog, cats, gerbils, hamsters, snakes, & selves for a special blessing service. *Rain or Shine!* for more information email info@stjohnscollegepark.org

TODAY

Wednesday Night Supper October 4th from 5:30-7:00. Join your parish family for dinner at 6. Please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org to let us know if you are planning to join us. To sign up to help with our WNS ministry, check Eagle Notes next week for the link.

Bible study will be in person and on zoom 7-8:00 this week. Use the same zoom as Sunday morning worship. We are continuing our walk through Acts. We will be reading Acts through August and will be beginning a study of Genesis through November.

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

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Online Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM. 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 October 1, 2023

Readers: Jessica Walters & Archie Polk

Prayers of the People: Charles Mizelle

Verger: Val Valverde

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

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