



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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Rite Two Prayer A

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Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ:

No matter whether you are looking for a permanent church home or are with us just for today, you are welcome home to St. John's. If this is your first time worshipping with us in The Episcopal Church, please know that *all of* what we do together today is prayer. Our worship practices can take some time to grow accustomed to, so remember that your presence is all that is required and that there are numerous members willing to answer any questions.

We work to make our liturgy (common prayer) as accessible as possible, so take a moment to familiarize yourself with the service bulletin. All responses for the congregation will be in italics, along with "rubrics" (instructions) for kneeling, standing, and other ways of participating. We use two hymnals- the *1982 Hymnal* (BLUE HYMNAL) and the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* hymnal (RED AND BLACK HYMNAL). All other hymns and prayers are in the bulletin.

We believe that when we pray, we are blessed through the real presence of our Risen Christ in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Eucharist. Our practice is to receive communion after we have been baptized into this church (or any church). However, no one will ever be turned away from our altar. If you are interested in being baptized and becoming a part of The Episcopal Church, please let our priest (or anyone) know.

We are blessed by your presence with us today. So we can know more about you, we ask that you sign our guest book found in the narthex (lobby) of the church. We also invite you to join us for coffee hour in the hospitality suite, found just to the left of the sanctuary.

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Black', followed by a plus sign.

The Rev. Tim Black
Priest-in-Charge
Saint John's Episcopal Church

Prelude:

Piano Sonata in C, 1st movement by W.A. Mozart
Flute: Debra Cole

The Word of God

The Congregation stands, as you are able

OPENING HYMN- The Church's One Foundation- Hymnal 525 (BLUE HYMNAL)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Congregation and Priest Pray 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.

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE – GLORIA
LEVAS 243 (RED AND BLACK HYMNAL)**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation sits.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Jane

Graham

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

¹⁵The LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Susan Schubert

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia. ¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands, as you are able

Sequence Hymn- God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets- Hymnal 359 (Blue Hymnal)

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

THE SERMON- THE REV. TIM BLACK

THE CREED

All stand, as able.

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

Flo Webster

All who desire prayers for any reason are invited to the rail at this time to meet the Priest.

You are invited to kneel, stand, sit or take whatever posture for prayer that is best for you.

All remain standing.

If we live by the Spirit, brothers and sisters, let us also be guided by the Spirit. And, guided by the Spirit, let us lift our prayers to the Lord, saying, “We cry aloud to you; O God, hear us.” We give you thanks, O God, that for freedom Christ has set us free. Though at times it challenges our patience, we also give you thanks for the freedom, through love, to become servants of one another.

Silence

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

Gracious God, give us the will and the strength to prepare the way for your Kingdom to come. May love heal our factions and peace overcome strife.

Silence

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

Your paths are in the great waters, mighty Redeemer. We thank you that by the waters of baptism you have made us members of your household.

The congregation is invited to name your blessings out loud or silently.

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

Lord Jesus, you rebuked your disciples James and John when they desired the destruction of others. Instill in us gentleness and self-control that we might learn to love even those with whom we strongly disagree.

Silence

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

You are the God who works wonders. We offer to you our sincere prayers for our hurting loved ones. We pray today for _____. Work wonders in their hearts and lives, we pray.

The congregation is invited to add your prayers and petitions at this time.

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

By your strength, O God, you redeem your people. Lead us by your Spirit and make us fit for your heavenly Kingdom.

Silence

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

You promised that you have prepared a place for us with you in your kingdom. Bless all who have died. We pray today for : _____.

Silence

We cry aloud to you;

O God, hear us.

Celebrant: Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Celebrant says : Let us confess our sins to God.

The congregation continues standing or is invited to kneel, as able:

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant: 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 (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord! We enjoy “passing the peace” at St. John’s and we take our time doing it. Say hello to someone you do not know. Let us

know who you are if you are visiting by signing the guest register in the Narthex (back lobby) of the church.

We close The Passing of the Peace by singing, together:

We are one in the bond of love

We are one in the bond of love

We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God

We are one in the bond of love

Announcements

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*

The Congregation stands, as able:

OFFERTORY HYMN -LEVAS 144 – Where He Leads Me- (RED AND BLACK HYMNAL)

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.*

PROPER PREFACE

The Celebrant continues:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy- LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Celebrant:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant : 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

FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Congregation: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. 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. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN -Holy God, We Praise Thy Name- Verses 1,2 and 7
Turn in your BLUE HYMNAL to Hymn 366

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, 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.

BLESSING

Life is short. And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So: be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is with you and will be with you now and always. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lead us Heavenly Father, Lead Us-*
H 359 (BLUE HYMNAL)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Church's one Foundation by S. Wesley

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Jane Graham and Susan Schubert
Prayers of the People	Flo Webster
Coordinator	Michael Proscia
Church Administrator	Terry Glover
Vestry Members:	Father Tim Black, Priest in Charge
	Paul Brady, Communications
	Linda Cage, Outreach Coor.
	Sherran Davis, Clerk

Richard Pfleger, Treasurer
Archie Polk, Evangelism
Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

At 10:00am on Sunday morning:

Join us via Zoom June 26, 2022 10:00am

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