



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 24, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Rite Two Enriching our Worship Prayer One

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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. If you are visiting, 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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Bread of the World

by Burton

The Congregation stands, as you are able

OPENING HYMN- *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane)*
(Blue Hymnal 488)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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
(RED AND BLACK HYMNAL- 243)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Pat Roberts

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis. ²⁰The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with

the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Jane Gresham

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation stands, as you are able

SEQUENCE HYMN- VERSES 1, 2 & 7. *On this day, the first of Days*
(Blue Hymnal - 47)

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, God's salvation is very near. Reverently and fearfully, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "We call to you, O God; *answer us.*"

Make your Church alive, O God, together with your risen Christ. Forgive our trespasses, erase all records that stand against us and save us from the time of trial.

Silence. We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

By your victory on the cross, Lord Christ, you have triumphed over all things. We pray that we may witness your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Silence. We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

Help us to be good stewards of your creation, that each and every person will be given their daily bread. We give you thanks for all heavenly gifts that surround us.

You are invited to add your prayers of thanksgiving, followed by silence

We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

We pray, God our protector, for all those with uncertain futures. Make your good purpose known, O God, in their lives. May they know that you, Father, give good gifts to your children.

Silence. We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorrow or any kind of trouble. Do not abandon the works of your hands. Be found, gracious God, by all those who search for you. We pray today for: _____

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

We commend to your mercy all who have died. We pray today for: _____ And, we thank you, Gracious God, that all who are buried with Christ in baptism shall also experience the power of his resurrection.

Silence

We call to you, O God;

Answer us.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

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 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven -Blue Hymnal 410*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant God 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

(Red and Black Hymnal)

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.*]

HYMN COMMUNION HYMN *Praise my Soul, The King of Heaven-* (Blue Hymnal- 410)

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 *Thy Kingdom Come O God- VS. 1,2 & 5*
(Blue Hymnal 613)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Legend

by C. Nordman

PARISH NOTES

Make Prayer Requests Online- We have a link to our prayer request form on the St. John's website and in the weekly email. Please submit prayer requests through this and feel free to send it to friends in the community who need prayer. It is our hope that this will make our prayer ministry more comprehensive and responsive. For the link, please sign up for the weekly email or go to <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Wednesday Night Bible Study is ON BREAK for the summer- We will be meeting again in August. Look for the schedule for the year soon.

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) Online Thursdays at 7 PM

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John’s each Thursday evening. 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

Assisting with the service today

- Organist Toku Kawata
- Readers Pat Roberts and Jane Gresham
- Prayers of the People Flo Webster
- Coordinator Richard Pfleger
- Church Administrator Terry Glover
- Vestry Members: The Rev. 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 JULY 24, 2022 10:00am
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.

