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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Masks are optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or who is more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home or wear a mask until you are feeling better.

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to siparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. During the summer, the nursery is not open. There is a changing table and comfortable seating in the main area of the education wing for parents who need to change or soothe a little one.

The cover photo was taken in the garden at "Abraham's Welcome" in front of the church.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 691 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 410 Praise my soul, the King of heaven *All stand and sing.*

LAUDA ANIMA

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE All sing. 1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al might - y God Fa-ther, give you thanks, we and we wor-ship you, we $\quad \text{for} \quad$ 3. Lord Christ, praise Je - sus you your glo ry. on - ly Son of the Lord God, of God, 4.you Fa - ther, Lamb take a - way the of the world: have sin mer 5. you are hand of the Fa - ther: re ed at the right seat prayer. 6. For ceive our you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, a-lone are the 7. you are the with the a - lone Most High, Je - sus Christ, ly Но -Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:20–32

All sit.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I 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." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose 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? Far 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?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose 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." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then 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." He 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." Then 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.**

THE PSALTER Psalm 138

The people say the words in bold.

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; * O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND LESSON Colossians 2:6–15

s you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See 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. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when 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. And 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, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He 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 SEQUENCE HYMN 674 Forgive our sins as we forgive *All stand and sing.*

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Tesus 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." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And 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; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And 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.' I 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. 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. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If 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!"

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Margie Baker

THE NICENE 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

The people say the words in **bold**.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation,

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; Jeffrey, our bishop-elect; our parish clergy; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those on our parish prayer list, that they will receive comfort and healing.

For all whose lives are threatened by excessive heat, storms, and floods, that God will strengthen them and keep them safe, and that those in positions of power around the world will have the courage and commitment to work together to address climate change.

Are there other prayers?

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All

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

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Adoration

Florence Price (1887–1953)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

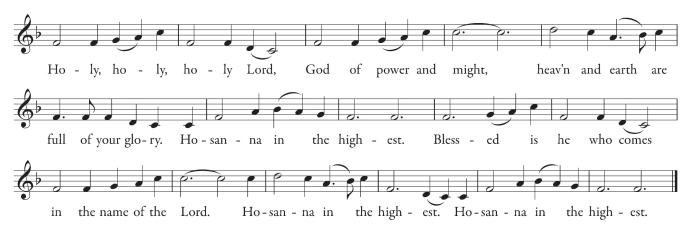
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy food for holy people. You are holy; take and eat.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive healing prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal Go

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee *All sing*.

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THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata in D

Johann Krieger (1652–1735)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's presence in Word and sacrament as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Guest Organist: Douglas Johnson
Ushers: Paul Shaker, Bette-Jane Hardersen
Healing Minister: Wes Winterbottom
Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto
Altar Guild: Rosa Guzzo, Ginny Kemp

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Maria Ferreira
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Edie
Brad Babbitt	Mary	Joseph	Gary Wait
Ward Farrell	Don Cole	Peter	Emmy Aziz
Jeanne	Tracy Barth	Roe Dean	Jason Sterne
Letha	Karen Licht	Dory Tan	Lily
Susan Donaldson	Karen Doocy	Shirley Blean	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Priscilla Hexter Juliette Peck
Danielle Foint David Kvam
Francis Lamlein John Wilcox

Brad Babbitt

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Amy & Todd FitzGerald Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, missional curacies.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for The Church in Wales.

Volunteer for the Kids Community Music Camp, August 22–26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John's. We're delighted to be hosting our Kids Community Music Camp in August after two summers without it due to the pandemic. The camp is all about music, fun, and relationships, and we invite you to be part of it! Adult and youth (high school and up) volunteers provide general support throughout the camp day, and/or provide lunch. We especially need volunteers for the afternoons, and lunch provided on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. See the graphic on page 15 of this bulletin for more information.

Note about July staffing: Todd FitzGerald, our priest in charge, is on vacation in Maine, where he will preach and preside each Sunday in July at a summer chapel in Cape Neddick, as he has for a number of years. Todd will be "offline" for the month, enjoying time with his family. If you have non-urgent church business to discuss with him, please hold off on reaching out until he returns on August 2. Margie and the rest of the staff are available for pastoral, liturgical, program, or administrative issues that come up, so please reach out as needed. If an urgent matter requires Todd's attention, Margie or Ellen will contact him.

It's community garden season! Help feed our neighbors. Our community garden has been planted with all kinds of veggies, and we need your help for it to thrive! We have three volunteer jobs for the growing season:

Gardeners sign up for one week at a time, and stop by that week at their convenience to pull weeds, check on the garden's overall health, and monitor the automatic sprinkler system (e.g., turn it off if it's a rainy week!).

Harvesters pick veggies on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday morning in preparation for Sunday's neighborhood produce distribution. Distributors prepare veggies for distribution on Sunday morning, and give them away to our neighbors after the 10:30 service. To sign up for any of these jobs, go to sjparish.net/garden.



This July, Monday Night Bible Study takes a deep dive into the songs of our faith. Psalms span the full range of human emotion and catalog all the ways we are in relationship with God and one another. Monday July 11, 18, and 25 at 7pm in Zoom.

July 11: Introduction & psalms of praise

July 18: Psalms of lament & hard-to-pray psalms

July 25: Psalms in prayer, psalms in liturgy

Questions? Email Margie@sjparish.net >



At this week-long day camp, a diverse group of children (entering grades 3 to 5) will explore the joys of music in a supportive and fun environment.

Professional creatives will teach and run the camp, supported by **adult and youth (high school) volunteers** to provide two types of support: **General support** (supervising bathroom trips and handwashing, helping with activities during free time, etc.), and **lunch support** (providing a homemade or purchased lunch for 25 to 35 people; setting up, serving, cleaning up after lunch).

To foster relationships between campers and volunteers, we ask **general support volunteers** to commit to at least two and up to five mornings, afternoons, or full days of camp, and for **lunch volunteers** to help with one or more lunches.

Contact Ellen at ellen@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 for more info and to sign up! Volunteers will go through a background check and a brief safety training.

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9 a.m. in the Cloister Garden 10:30 a.m. in the church (also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services)

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