



**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 28, 2025**

**Families with young children**

An interactive worship bag is available for your child in the Narthex (lobby of the church).

**Prelude**

**This Is My Father's World**

Setting by David Maxwell

**9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.**

**9:30 AM — All stand as able at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.**

**Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)**  
**#8, The Hymnal 1982**

**Morning has broken**

Words: Eleanor Farjeon  
Music: Bunessan

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| <p>1 Morning has broken<br/>like the first morning,<br/>blackbird has spoken<br/>like the first bird.<br/>Praise for the singing!<br/>Praise for the morning!<br/>Praise for them, springing<br/>fresh from the Word!</p> <p>2 Sweet the rain's new fall<br/>sunlit from heaven,<br/>like the first dewfall<br/>on the first grass.<br/>Praise for the sweetness<br/>of the wet garden,<br/>sprung in completeness<br/>where his feet pass.</p> | <p>3 Mine is the sunlight!<br/>Mine is the morning<br/>born of the one light<br/>Eden saw play!<br/>Praise with elation,<br/>praise every morning,<br/>God's re-creation<br/>of the new day!</p> |
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**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

**Gloria in excelsis**  
**S-280, The Hymnal 1982** (*spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM*)

Setting by Robert Powell

<p>Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.</p> <p>Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;</p>	<p>have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.</p> <p>For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>
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## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## **The First Lesson: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Appointed: 91:1-6, 14-16** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

p. 719, Book of Common Prayer

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;**
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.**

## The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter to Timothy

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)**

**#133, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1—3**

**I Surrender All**

Words: Judson W. Van de Vanter

Music: Winfield S. Weeden

1 All to Jesus I surrender,  
all to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

2 All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow;  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

3 All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit  
Truly know that thou art mine. **[Refrain]**

## The Holy Gospel

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

Luke 16:19-31

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sequence hymn continued*

4 All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
Fill me with thy love and power,  
Let thy blessings fall on me.

**Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Assoc. Rector

*All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

**From Season of Creation:  
A celebration guide for Episcopal Churches**

Leader      Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.  
**In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Great Teacher, we pray for all students, teachers, and school personnel as they begin a new school year, that they would gather safely, treat one another respectfully, and take pleasure and pride in all their work. *Silence.*

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Creator of all that lives, we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Joanne Spinella, Miles Crate, Kaitlyn Hamrick, Kate Walker, Sandra Patterson, and those we name to you now....

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help **Brian, Bob, Jim, Kennedy, Jane, Paul, Brooke, Patrick, Al, Louisa.** We pray for all those on our parish prayer list who live with chronic illnesses, and for all those we name to you now...

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially those we name to you now...

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant

Gracious 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 and Absolution

p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

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

**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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

Remember to sanitize your hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

*Please be seated.*

### Welcome & Parish Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**The altar flowers are given today in honor of the members of the HOME (Helping Our Mother Earth) Team.**

### The Offertory

*If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at [www.stjohnswf.org/give](http://www.stjohnswf.org/give) OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.*

### Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

### Lift High Every Voice

Text from Psalm 98/Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

Setting by Hal H. Hopson

CANTATE

*Lift high ev'ry voice; come, sing and rejoice;  
All lands and all peoples sing praise to the Lord;  
Sing praise to the Lord. Sing alleluia, alleluia.*

*Let flute, harp, and trumpet their music go 'round.  
Let hills sing their echoes, let floods add their sound.*

*Lift high ev'ry voice; come, sing and rejoice;  
Come, sing a joyful song, sing a joyful song;  
Sing to the Lord, sing praise to the Lord.*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

### **The Doxology**

*(7:45 AM—spoken)*

**All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

*(9:30 AM—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)*

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

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

p 369 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs...  
...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **The Sanctus—holy, holy, holy** *(7:45 spoken, 9:30 sung)*

**S-129** *(front of hymnal)*

Setting by Robert Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit...  
...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...  
...that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant ...Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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.**

*All stand in body or spirit.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Setting by Gerald Near

**Fraction Anthem S-155** (*front of The Hymnal 1982*)

### **At 7:45 AM, spoken**

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People Therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **At 9:30 AM, sung**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Communion of the People** (please sanitize your hands before coming forward)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

### **Communion Hymn** (9:30 AM)

**#810, Wonder, Love, and Praise**

### **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord**

Words: Michael Joncas

Music: Michael Joncas

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
 who abide in this shadow for life,  
 say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
 my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun,  
 and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
 and famine will bring you no fear;  
 under God's wings your refuge  
 with faithfulness your shield. **[Refrain]**

3 For to the angels God's given a command  
 to guard you in all of your ways;  
 upon their hands they will bear you up,  
 lest you dash your foot against a stone. **[Refrain]**

*All stand in body or spirit.*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer** (*for those who have shared in Communion in person*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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 Celebrant blesses the People.*

(9:30 AM) *All children and youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.*

**The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)**  
**#410, The Hymnal 1982**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte  
Music: Lauda anima

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| 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;<br>to his feet thy tribute bring;<br>ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br>evermore his praises sing:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise the everlasting King. | 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;<br>well our feeble frame he knows;<br>in his hand he gently bears us,<br>rescues us from all our foes.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Widely yet his mercy flows. |
| 2 Praise him for his grace and favor<br>to his people in distress;<br>praise him still the same as ever,<br>slow to chide, and swift to bless:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Glorious in his faithfulness. | 4 Angels, help us to adore him;<br>ye behold him face to face;<br>sun and moon, bow down before him,<br>dwellers all in time and space.<br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>Praise with us the God of grace. |

**The Dismissal**

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

**We offer and commend the following prayer for use during the week**

**Prayer for St. John's Transition**

Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher

*Ever-present and Holy God, as you continue to invite new people into St. John's, we ask your ongoing guidance and blessing upon us, that we may always become more fully the people and congregation you would have us to be. Keep our hearts deeply grounded in your divine love, that we may grow in steadfast love and gentleness for one another. Inspire our leadership with wisdom and creativity to navigate the ongoing changes that lay before us. In this season of transition, we particularly pray for our Sr. Warden Camille Stell, vestry, staff, search committee, our Interim Rector, Rev. Canon Pat Grace, and our eventual new rector. Fill all of us with courage, kindness, and patience as we walk the Way of Love with one another and with the broader diverse community around us. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who lives and reigns in each of us every day. **Amen.***

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