

**Families with young children**

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***Thank you to Clifford Badgley who is our guest organist today.***

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

**Prelude**

**Fantasy Prelude on “Amazing Grace”**

Setting by Charles Callahan

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

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

**All creatures of our God and King**

Words: Francis of Assisi

**#400, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1, 4, 5, 7**

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

5 All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now: Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care: **[Refrain]**

**[Refrain] O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: **[Refrain]**

4 Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show: **[Refrain]**

**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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-278, The Hymnal 1982** (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

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.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Book of Acts

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66:7-18 (read responsively by whole verse)

p. 675, Book of Common Prayer

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

1 As those of old their first fruits brought  
of vineyard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today our first fruits bring,  
the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind, and heart, and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering  
to God that all may live;  
the Church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
all life in Christ made new.

### **The Holy Gospel**

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

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence hymn continued.*

3 With gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love  
with all humanity.  
O thou who gavest us thyself  
in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector

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

*All stand in body or spirit for*

**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)

Leader As members of Christ's Risen Body, let us pray to the Lord:

For the holy Church of God,

**That it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Jennifer, our own Bishops, and for all the holy people of God,

**That in faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith,

**That they may receive the light of the Gospel.**

For the peace of the world,

**That a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples.**

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation,

**That the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster.**

For those in positions of public trust,

**That they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.**

For this congregation,

**That we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended,

**That we may stand reconciled before you.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially; **Paul, Pandora, Tucker, Enid, Betty, Louis**, including those you would name here;

*Silence*

for our many blessings including those you would name here;

*Silence*

and for our families, friends, and neighbors,

**That they we may live in joy, peace, and health.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Reed Crate, Elizabeth McDuffie, Ron Freeman, Carole Friedman, Duane Vetter, Roger Collins, David Bennett, Laura Santos, and Evan Graber (*You may speak additional names aloud or in silence*).

For all those who have died in the communion of your Church including those you would name here;

*Silence*

That, with all the saints,

**They may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. John and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to you,

**For you, O Christ, are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.**

Celebrant Let us say together the Prayer for Transition (*Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher*)

**People 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, vestry, staff, search committee, our Interim Rector, Rev. Stephanie, 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.**

Celebrant

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Welcome & Parish Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

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### **Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)**

#### **You, the Christ**

Words by Shirley Erena Murray/Music by Ian Callanan

CANTATE

*Stranger, standing at my door, you disturb me in the night:  
You have needs I can't ignore, you have eyes that speak your plight.  
Do I know you, nameless face, battered woman, detainee,  
Hungry youth or sickness care, jobless parent, refugee--  
Do I know you, nameless face?*

*You are strange in speech and dress, you have children at your side,  
You are not like one of us--you have begged away your pride.  
If you passed across my screen I might switch you out of sight,  
Worlds away you might have been, yet you stand here in the night.  
Do I know you, nameless face?*

*I am fearful of your claim, yet I cannot turn away.  
Stranger with the foreign name, are you angel come to stay?  
You are messenger and guest, you the Christ I can't ignore,  
You my own compassion's test, stranger, standing at my door.  
You, the Christ I can't ignore. You, the Christ I can't ignore.*

*All stand in body or spirit for*

### **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.**

*All stand in body or spirit for*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

p. 367 Book of Common Prayer , Eucharistic Prayer B

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

**S-128** (*front of hymnal*)

Setting by William Matthias

**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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. ...

...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.**

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

**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 for*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

**At 7:45 AM, spoken**

Celebrant Alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia.**

**At 9:30 AM, sung**

**S-155, Christ our Passover**

Setting by Gerald R. Near

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

## The Communion of the People

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) #60, Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

#### Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

#### Refrain

### How Great Thou Art [O Lord, my God]

Words: Stuart K. Hine  
Music: Traditional Swedish folk tune/adapt. Stuart K. Hine

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

#### Refrain

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art.

#### Refrain

*All stand in body or spirit for*

### The Postcommunion Prayer

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 here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the hymn.  
The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.**

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

**All things bright and beautiful**

Words: Cecil F. Alexander  
Music: Royal Oak

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

3

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. **[Refrain]**

1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. **[Refrain]**

4

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. **[Refrain]**

2 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky, **[Refrain]**

### **The Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

**Toccata in C Major**

Music by Johann Pachelbel

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