

Families with young children

Interactive worship bags for children are available in the Narthex (church lobby). Nursery care, age 5 and under, is also offered in the Parish Hall, with drop-off between 9:15 and 9:45 AM. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

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

Prelude

Earth and All Stars

Setting by Edie Linneweber

7:45 AM and 9:30 AM — All stand in body or spirit at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

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

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets

Words: Herbert F. Brokering
Music: Earth and All Stars

1 Earth and all stars,
loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!

4 Engines and steel,
loud pounding hammers,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers,
sing to the Lord a new song! **[Refrain]**

Refrain: He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain,
loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves,
sing to the Lord a new song! **[Refrain]**

5 Classrooms and labs,
loud boiling test-tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song! **[Refrain]**

3 Trumpet and pipes,
loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song! **[Refrain]**

6 Knowledge and truth,
loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song! **[Refrain]**

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-277, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by David Hurd

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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Hosea

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Appointed: Psalm 50:7-15(read in unison)

p. 654, Book of Common Prayer

**7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.**

**8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

**9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;**

**10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

**11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

**13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?**

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

**15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)
#686, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1 & 2

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

The Holy Gospel

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence hymn continued

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher

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, Enid, Louis, Emily, Bruce, Tara, Carol, Lou, Mary, Joshua**, 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 may live in joy, peace, and health.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Bob Hill, Reta Caputo, Natalie Heynen, Cindy Freeman, David Mitnaul, and Tanae Lewis.

For all those who have died in the communion of your Church, especially parishioner David Apps, and 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.**

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.

Please be seated.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

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 OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

We Are Many Parts

Text and Music by Marty Haugen

CANTATE

*We are many parts, we are all one body; And the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of Love make us one indeed; One, the love that we share,
One our hope in despair, one the cross that we bear.*

*God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world.*

*So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy, too,
All is brought together in the Lord.*

*All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all,
If you love, then you will know the Lord.*

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.**

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-125 (front of hymnal)

Setting by Richard Proulx

**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.**

The Celebrant continues.

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 for

The Breaking of the Bread

Setting by David Hurd

Fraction Anthem S-154 (front of The Hymnal 1982)

At 7:45 AM, spoken

At 9:30 AM, sung

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**People 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)
#146, Lift Every Voice and Sing

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Words: Mary A. Lathbury
Music: William F. Sherwin

- 1 Break thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee,
O living word!
- 2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,

- All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.
- 3 Teach me to live, dear Lord,
Only for thee,
As thy disciples lived
in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er,
Then, vict'ry won,
I shall behold thee, Lord,
The living one.

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 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)
#493, The Hymnal 1982

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Azmon

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name.
- 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Earth and All Stars

Setting by Carol Wahl