



**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**July 12, 2026**

**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**

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

*Thank you Milly Nelligar for being our supply organist today!*

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

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684);  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.  
Music: Liebster Jesu

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night

with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Lesson: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Appointed: Psalm 65:9-14 (read in unison)

p. 673, Book of Common Prayer

**9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.**

**10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.**

**11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.**

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

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

1 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
in every need thou bringest aid;  
thou comest forth from God's great throne,  
from God, the Father and the Son;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

2 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
increase our faith in our dear Lord;  
unless thy grace the power should give,  
none can believe in Christ and live;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

3 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
make us to love thy sacred word;  
the holy flame of love impart,  
that charity may warm each heart;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

### **The Holy Gospel**

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

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sequence hymn continued*

4 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
enlighten us by that same word;  
teach us to know the Father's love,  
and his dear Son, who reigns above;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

*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.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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—Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Donna Morse, Ann Wieser, Nicholas Wincovich, Lillie Goodwin, Charles Seeley.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially; **Louis, Emily, Bruce, Tara, Carol, Campbell, Gordon, Alice, David, Heidi.** We pray for those on our chronic prayer list, and all those we name to you now...*(people may add additional names).*

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially parishioner Katharine Ferguson.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

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

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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.**

*Please be seated.*

### Welcome & Parish Announcements

*A Message of Gratitude for Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector, by Camille Stell, Sr. Warden.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

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**Offertory Hymn (9:30 AM)  
#632, The Hymnal 1982**

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

Words: William W. How  
Music: Munich

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master  
received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands,  
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

*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.  
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)  
#151, Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**One bread, one body**

Words: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4;  
Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9  
Music: John B. Foley, SJ

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **[Refrain]**

2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **[Refrain]**

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **[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.**

*Farewell Blessing for Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Interim Rector by Rev. Dr. Lorraine Ljunggren, Priest Assoc.*

*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) Spread, O spread, thou mighty word** Words: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier 1774-1841);  
**#530, The Hymnal 1982** Jonathan F. Bahnmaier 1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)  
and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
Music: Gott sei Dank

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| 1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,<br>spread the kingdom of the Lord,<br>that to earth's remotest bound<br>all may heed the joyful sound; | 4 word of how the Spirit came<br>bringing peace in Jesus' name;<br>how his never-failing love<br>guides us on to heaven above.                 |
| 2 word of how the Father's will<br>made the world, and keeps it, still;<br>how his only Son he gave,<br>earth from sin and death to save;    | 5 Word of life, most pure and strong,<br>word for which the nations long,<br>spread abroad, until from night<br>all the world awakes to light. |
| 3 word of how the Savior's love<br>earth's sore burden doth remove;<br>how forever, in its need,<br>through his death the world is freed;    |  |

**The Dismissal**

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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