



Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John's Episcopal Church
September 6, 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

This is My Father's World

Setting by Penny Rodriguez

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)

All creatures of our God and King

Words: William Draper, tr.

#400, The Hymnal 1982 vss 1-4, 7

Music: *Lasst una erfreuen*, adapt. Ralph Williams

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, O
praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that
ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising
morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining find a
voice, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for
your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Fire, so intense
and fiercely bright you give to us both warmth and
light, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!
4. Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your bless-
ings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and
fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show: O
praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
7. Let all things their creator bless, and worship in
humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the
Father, praise the Son, and praise the spirit, Three
in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 First Book of Ezekial 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Appointed: Psalm 119:33-40(read in unison)

p. 766, Book of Common Prayer

**33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

**35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.**

**36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.**

**37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.**

**38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.**

**39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.**

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

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

Romans 12:9-21

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain.**
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. **Refrain.**

3. These are the ones that we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these neighbors to us and you.

Refrain.

4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. **Refrain.**

The Holy Gospel

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

Matthew 18:15-20

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence hymn continued

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. **Refrain.**

Seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

Fr. Mac Brown, 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.**

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; Helen Holt, Rhett Dodd, Elizabeth Ribbens, Carole Drubber, Susan Rainey, Gloria Siaw.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially; **Emily, Carol, Campbell, Gordon, David, Heidi, Louis, Moe, Jenn.** 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.
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 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

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 Hymn (9:30 AM)

Let Justice Roll Like a River

Text based on Amos 5:21-24, 8:4; Micah 4:3-4, 6:8; Joel 2:12-14

Text adaptation & Music by Marty Haugen

CANTATE

Sarah Goodwin, soprano soloist

*Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away;
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us,
Come now, and make us anew, that we might live justly like you.*

*Take from me your holy feasts, all your off'rings and your music;
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an everflowing stream.*

*How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
The day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth?*

*Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:
The Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous Day of our God.*

*Even now return to me, let your hearts be broken and humble,
For I am gracious, gen'rous and kind; come and seek the mercies of God.*

*You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace;
To act justly, to love gently, and walk humbly with God.*

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

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

At 7:45 AM, spoken

Setting by David Hurd

At 9:30 AM, sung

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

Celebrant Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.
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. After receiving the wafer, you may drink from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the chalice. Please take care to only dip the wafer. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#746, Wonder Love and Praise

God the Sculptor of the mountains

Words: John Thornburg
Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock

1. God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand, God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land: you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.
2. God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea, God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free: you are gate of all deliverance, we are sightless; lead us now.
3. God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth: you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.
4. God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat; you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.

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

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bus'd,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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The Dismissal

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

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Setting by Aaron David Miller

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