



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 16, 2023  
10 a.m.

## **Welcome to St. John's!**

Please remember to leave your anxieties in the rack provided. Light a candle.

Listen to the organ even if it isn't playing

Make room for something unexpected to speak.

Find a seat and sit for a while. The people who came before are here beside you.

If you are very quiet you might even hear angels playing their instruments up there on the ceiling.

Let your eyes walk through a glass garden. All of these colors are born from one light.

Taste the silence. Many varieties are available – take a sip of each one.

Take it with you when you go.

*(Andrew Rudd, Manchester cathedral poet in residence, June 2018.)*

### **Preparation for Worship**

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

### **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

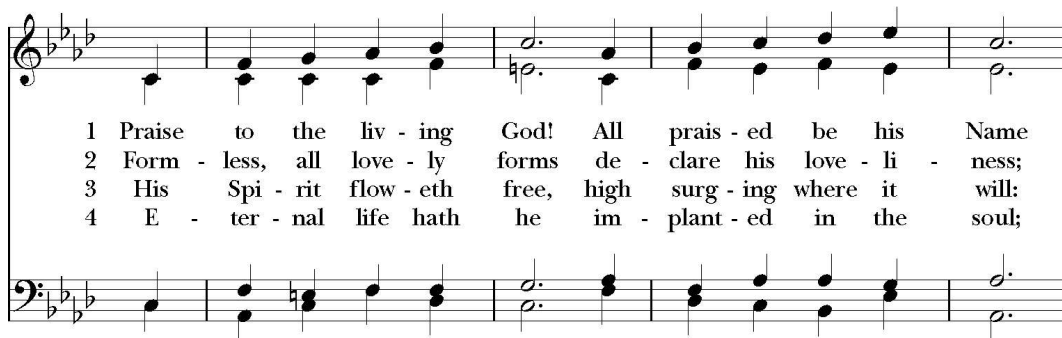
*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

**Prelude**, "Chapel Windows"

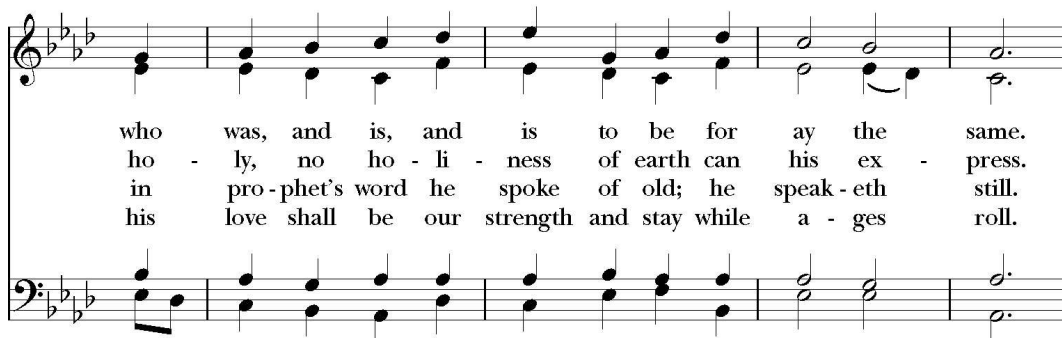
Richard Blake

# Hymn 372, "Praise to the living God"

Tune LEONI



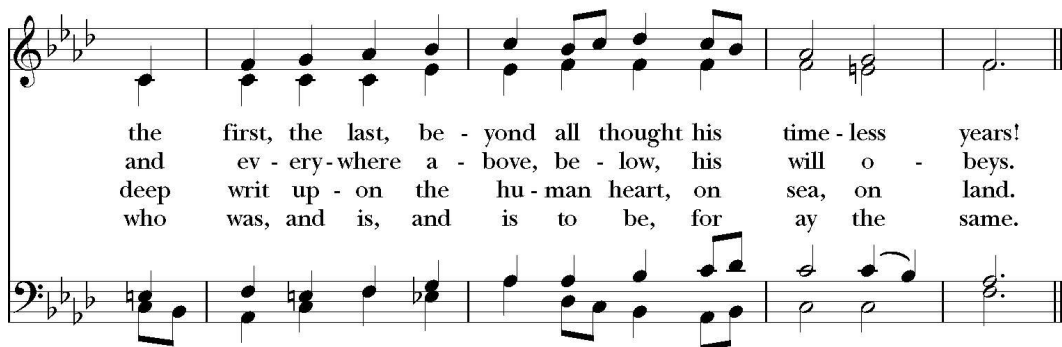
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355*

***And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

## A Hymn of Praise

Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOEH



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

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***

## THE LESSONS

*All sit*

### Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore

them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

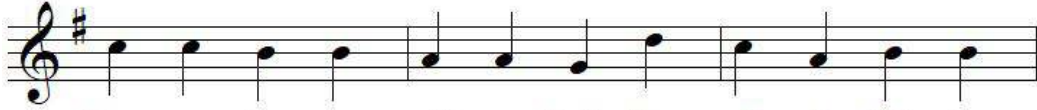
Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***



1. Now your word is a lan-tern, Lord, That  
 2. No trou-bles like this have I known; But  
 3. Not once will I for-get your law, Al-  
 4. Near to my heart are your de-crees, My



al-ways gives my path-way light, Nor will I fail to  
 let your word pre-serve my life; Now, Lord, ac-cept the  
 though my life is in my hand; Nets have been placed to  
 her-i-tage for ev-er sure; Now I have set my



keep your law; Your judg-ments all are just and right.  
 words I speak And teach me al-ways what is right.  
 tang-le me, But I hold fast to your com-mand.  
 heart to keep Your ho-ly pre-cepts ev-er-more.

## Romans 8:1-11

**T**here 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Al-le - lu-ia, Al - le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

5  
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.

Repeat Alleluia as needed

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand, as able*

*BCP, p. 358*

*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

*All kneel, as able*

*Form IV, BCP, p. 388*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity Church, Vero Beach, and Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Canada. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our

nation's military members and their families, especially, ***David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, Marsha, and Ricky.*** *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, and Brenda.*** And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

## **Announcements**

*All sit*

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*(Eucharistic Prayer C)*

*BCP, p. 369*

## **At the Offertory, “A Song of Peace”**

Robert J. Powell

for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. ***Amen.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

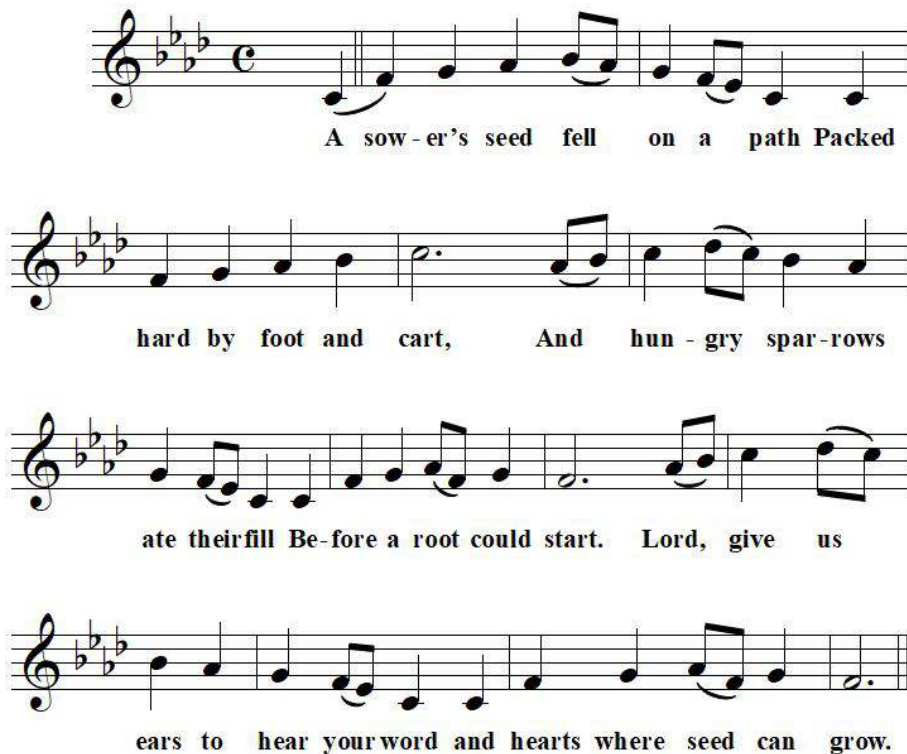
*The Priest stands and says*

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.***



## Presentation Hymn ,“A sower’s seed fell on a path”

Tune: MORNING SONG



A musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "A sow - er's seed fell on a path Packed hard by foot and cart, And hun - gry spar - rows ate their fill Be - fore a root could start. Lord, give us ears to hear your word and hearts where seed can grow." The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

A sow - er's seed fell on a path Packed  
hard by foot and cart, And hun - gry spar - rows  
ate their fill Be - fore a root could start. Lord, give us  
ears to hear your word and hearts where seed can grow.

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All things come of Thee, O Lord.  
*And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are  
worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

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.

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

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.

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

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.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus and Benedictus, S-130

Setting: Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel, as able*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said

the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and

not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

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

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.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

## The Lord's Prayer

Setting: Claire Toy

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven,  
Hal-lo-wed be thy name! Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-  
give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de-  
li-ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the po-wer and the



## The Breaking of the Bread

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by “intinction” only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.*

**At the Distribution, Voluntary, “Fragrance Prayer”**

Tom Booth

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

*All kneel, as able*

*BCP, p. 366*

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Blessing**

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Voluntary, “*Go Therefore*”

Robert F. Smith



## THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

We’re delighted to have Steve Knecht as our guest organist this morning while Dr. and the Rev. Mrs. Davidson are on vacation. Please give him a warm St. John’s greeting at the conclusion of the service.

“Praise to the living God” is based on the *Yigdal* of Daniel Ben Judah, 14th Century. The *Yigdal* is a Jewish doxology (song of praise) codifying the 13 articles of the Jewish creed, giving it a Christian character. His hymn originally began “The God of Abraham praise.” Around 1885 a Unitarian minister and a Jewish rabbi made a new metrical version, and it is their version which is usually included in hymnals, but sometimes beginning with the Rev. Mr. Olivers’ first line.

“Ye servants of God, your master proclaim” comes to us from Charles Wesley’s *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution* (1744) which has four hymns with a strange title, “Hymns to be sung in a Tumult” and refer to the absurd and slanderous accusation that the Wesleys were attempting to overthrow the Crown. Their meetings were broken up, their people mobbed, plundered, and dragged before magistrates. As Frank Colquhoun has written, “We can readily picture the small but heroic Methodist bands facing the fury of their enemies with a triumphant song like this upon their lips.” The hymn is now a hymn of praise extolling God’s sovereignty and magnifying the glories of Christ. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)



**VISITORS AND GUESTS:** Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE** may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) or 321-254-3365.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Sam Williams, Deborah Miller-Caldwell.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**RECTOR AWAY:** Fr. Eric Turner and his wife, Charlene, are leading Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission to Uganda. As St. John's gathers for worship, the team will have completed the first week of work and worshipping at the chapel of Uganda Christian University, outside of Kampala. They will then enjoy a day of sightseeing with a tubing trip on the Nile River.

They return to the US on July 23 and Fr. Eric will be in the church office on Tuesday, July 25. Fr. Terry Highland, Priest Associate, is leading worship and available for pastoral needs, and Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, is available for other matters of church business.

**COFFEE HOUR.** If you would like to bring snacks for Sunday morning coffee hour a sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

**ST. JOHN'S POLO SHIRTS** are now available! Cotton

polo style shirt with the St. John's logo embroidered. \$30 each. To order, sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. See Fr. Terry for more information.

**ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** on hiatus until September 10.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME STEVE KNECHT** this week while Dr. And Rev. Mrs. Davidson are on vacation.

**IS YOUR GARDEN OVERGROWN WITH FERNS?** St. John's has a place for them. The plan is to have a bed of fern along the north wall of the parish hall. If you have any ferns to donate, please contact Amy Lacy at 321-544-3262 or [amylacy24@gmail.com](mailto:amylacy24@gmail.com).

**TGIF:** Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

**SUNDAY SERVERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP.** If you can help as usher, greeter, LEM, or altar guild member please let us know. We want the Sunday services to run smoothly and need help to do this. You will be paired with a familiar helper and will not need to "go it alone." Please contact the office or Jackie Bond by email or phone.

**MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S:** Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful. Our choir will resume rehearsals after Labor Day; it would be wonderful to use instrumentalists during the summer months.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** St. John's next hosting starts on July 30. If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

**DAILY BREAD:** Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is August 3. If you can help please contact Jackie



Bond.

### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	July 16	July 23
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks Rev. S. Davidson
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Bond. L. Miller	B. Chernault J. Miller
<b>LEM</b>	J. Hamilton	K. Oas
<b>Altar Guild</b>	K. Oas	L. Bennett
<b>Daughter</b>	Linda Fletcher	Elena Bradbury
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

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**A PRAYER REQUEST BOX** is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

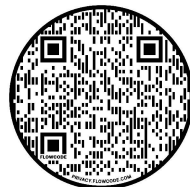
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**St. John's Outreach Focus** for July & August is our new Outreach partner, Complementary Cancer Care. Gail Dunbar, parishioner, and choir member, is on the advisory board for this organization. A non-profit program that offers free counseling, transportation, yoga, art, support groups, wigs and head coverings, and many other resources to complement traditional cancer treatments. They are funded by donations and grants. The organization was founded by an oncology nurse, a yoga instructor, and an engineer. The current president is a licensed clinical social worker and herself a cancer survivor.

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Genesis 28:10-19, Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or [mhighland7@gmail.com](mailto:mhighland7@gmail.com).



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun. (7/16) Adult & Youth Christian Education on hiatus until September 10.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Young People's AA, 4 - 6 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon. (7/17) AA, Parish Hall, 7 p.m.
- Tues. (7/18) Cub Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m., Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.
- Wed (7/19) Scouts Committee Mtg., 6:30 - 8 p.m. Parish Hall.
- Thurs (7/20) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parish Hall  
No Vestry Meeting in July.
- Fri (7/21) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (7/23) Adult & Youth Christian Education on hiatus until September 10.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

*All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.*

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