



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 10, 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.

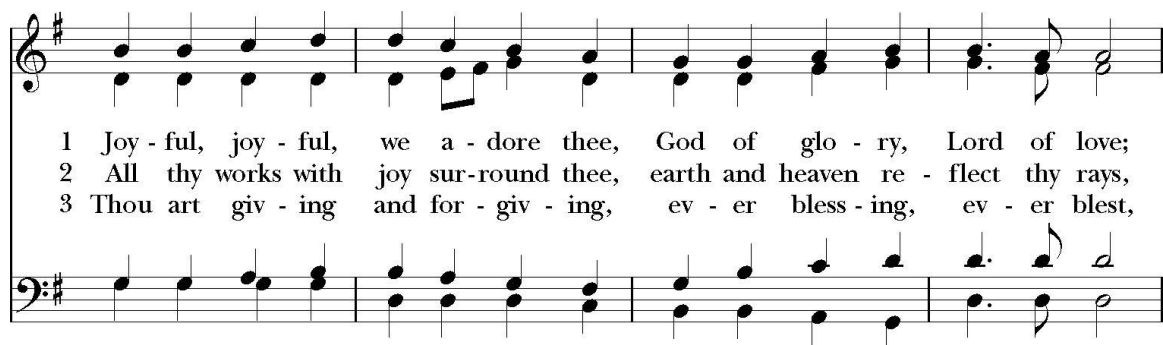
## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

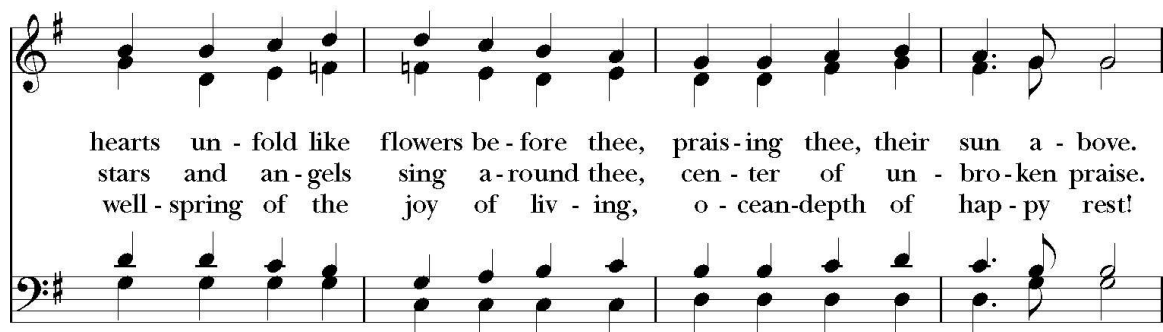
**Voluntary**

*Introductory Voluntary in F*

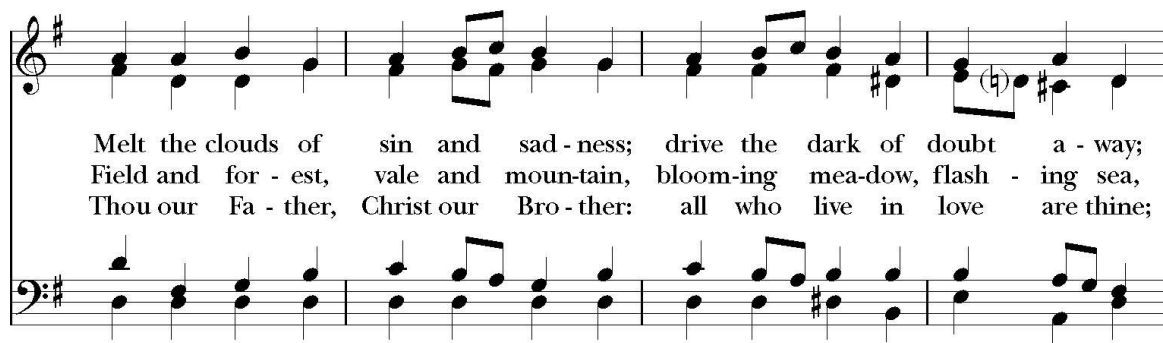
Walter Alcock



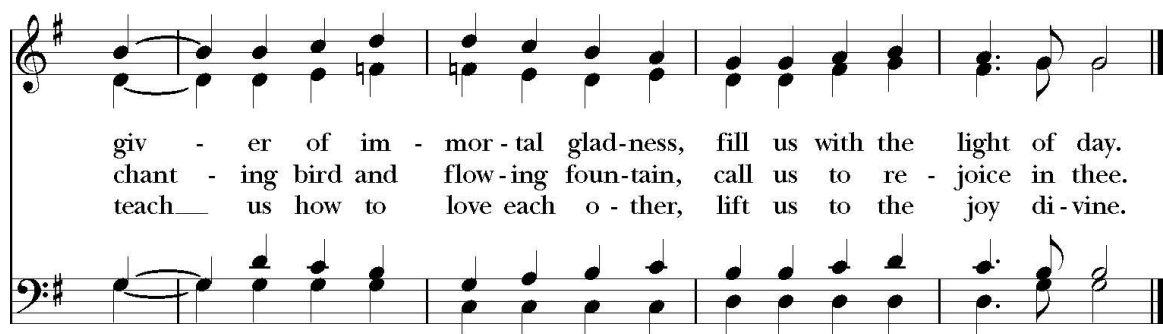
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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.***

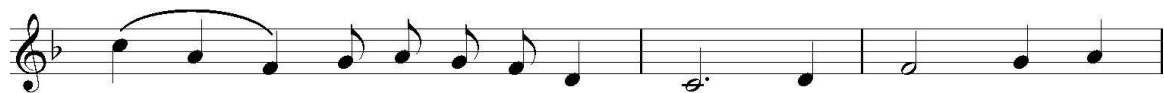
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Gloria in excelsis

Setting: Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



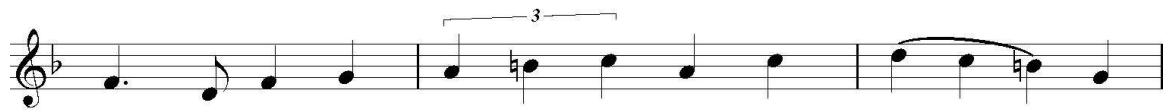
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



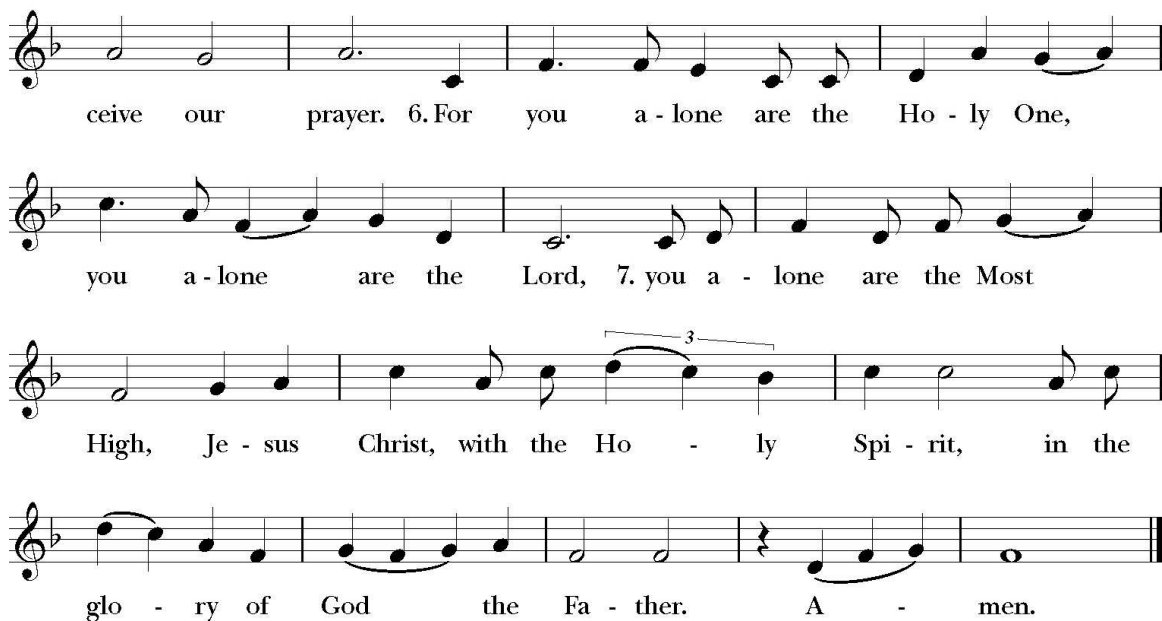
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

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.*

## THE LESSONS

*All sit*

### Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a

whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled

congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt

that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 149**

*Recited responsively by half verse*

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
***sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.***

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
***let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.***

Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
***let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.***

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
***and adorns the poor with victory.***

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
***let them be joyful on their beds.***

Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
***and a two-edged sword in their hand;***

To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
***and punishment on the peoples;***

To bind their kings in chains \*  
***and their nobles with links of iron;***

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
***this is glory for all his faithful people.***  
***Hallelujah!***

## **Romans 13:8-14**

**O**we 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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA** *(sung by the choir)*

*All stand, as able*

Alleluia. Be my strong rock, and house of defense: that you may save me.

In you, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Alleluia. (Ps. 31:2)

## **Matthew 18:15-20**

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

***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." The Gospel of the Lord.

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 St. Timothy's Church, Daytona Beach, and Church of the Holy Presence, DeLand.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of Ireland.  
*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, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, Ricky, and Geoffrey.*** *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 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.***

## **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, Anthem:**

*At the Lamb's high feast*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
gives his Body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.



**Presentation Hymn 674, “Forgive our sins, as we forgive”**

Tune: DETROIT



Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (b. 1905)

Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*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  
glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er! A - - - men!

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

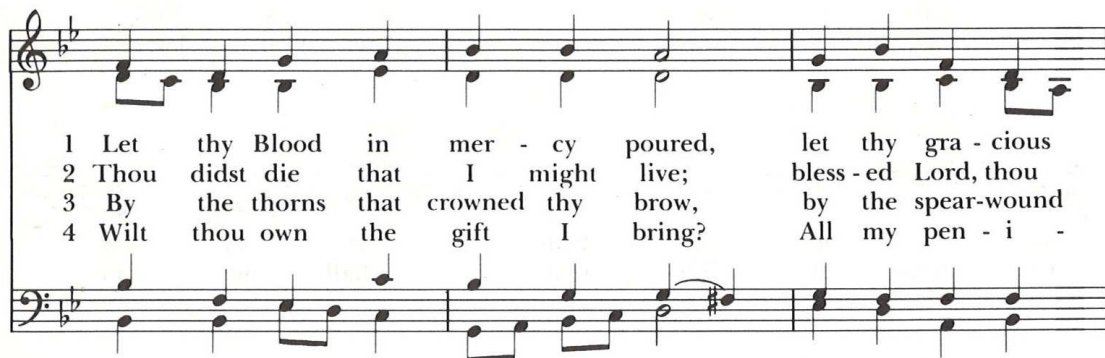
The gifts of God for the people of God. Take  
them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

*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, Hymn 313, "Let thy blood in mercy poured"**

Tune: UNDES ET MEMORES



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



*Refrain*

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925)

Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662);  
harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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## The Postcommunion 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

# Hymn 400, "All creatures of our God and King"

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(we will omit the stanzas marked with an asterisk\*)



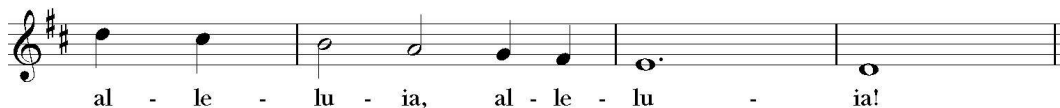
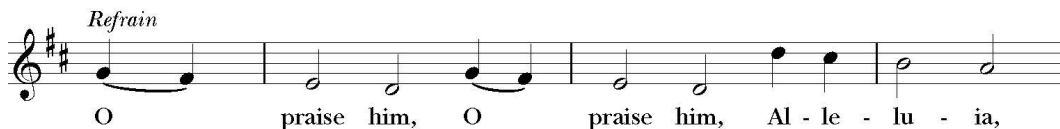
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Voluntary

on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Karl Moser



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

We welcome our choir back after their Summer Hiatus. We need your help in identifying and recruiting additional singers for our choir. If you know of unchurched singers please let Dr. D. know. All of college age or older are welcome to join us; there are no auditions. All that is required is the ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

Sir Walter Galpin Alcock (1861 -1947) was an English organist and composer who held a number of important posts as an organist, playing at the coronations of three monarchs. He was also professor of organ at the Royal College of Music, London. We hear this morning one of a set of twelve "Introductory Voluntaries."

Since the last movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (The Choral) used Schiller's secular text, "Ode to Joy," the author, Henry Van Dyke, (1852-1933) while visiting Williams College and admiring the Berkshire mountains, composed sacred words with the admonition, "It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy'." The result is one of the most popular of American hymns.

The life of the founder of the Franciscan monastic order, St. Francis of Assisi (c.1182-1226), the author of "All creatures of our God and King", is most astounding. Born to wealth, he forsook all for a life of asceticism, mysticism and charitable works with the sick and downtrodden. It is said that he even preached to the birds and they listened! An early environmentalist, his "Canticle of the Sun" was the first genuine religious poem in the Italian language. St. Francis saw all of nature and everything – including death – as praising God. We sing this hymn today in the translation by William H. Draper (1855-1933). (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.)

This morning we begin again using a Gospel Procession in our liturgy. This is a standard in a majority of Episcopal churches and carries with it the reminder that our job is to take the Gospel (the "good news") out into the people. This is accompanied by our choir singing a Gradual, i.e., a text set to chant to be sung as the Gospel reader is processing to the position where the Gospel is to be proclaimed. In most churches this involves a set of stairs, and the term "Gradual" comes from the Latin gradus, meaning steps. To make things even more complicated, a Graduale is a book containing virtually the entire body of chant used for the Eucharist.



**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.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for 25 years of marriage for Randy and Heidi Singer. Randy and Heidi celebrated a Renewal of Vows yesterday here at St. John's.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Tim Tuten, Eloise Evans, Christina Burleson, Cindy Tuten, Andy Weeks.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Steve & Ginny Bradley, John & Trish Seymour.

**ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** is back! **The Adults** will continue our study of the epistles of John in the Parish Hall. These give us a slightly different insight into the writer to whom much of the New Testament is attributed and who has had a great influence on the theology of the church for over two millenia. **The Youth** will meet in the chapel.

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

**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.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Our Family Promise team is in need of single bed sheets, wash cloths, and hand towels, (gently used, or new.) There is a box in the Parish Hall, please place your donations there. If you are able to assist as a volunteer at our next hosting beginning October 29, please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	September 10	Sept 17
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks K. Oas	A. Weeks J. Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton
<b>LEM</b>	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Bond
<b>Altar Guild</b>	K. Oas	L. Bennett
<b>Daughter</b>	L. Fletcher	M. Highland
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>A/V</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury

**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.

**DAILY BREAD:** If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next duty day is Oct 5.

**ST. JOHN'S CHAT** is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org). Note that this is separate from the weekly **"St. John's eNews"** which



comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

**MEN'S VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND** will be held at Christ Central, Cocoa, September 14-17. Contact Fr. Terry, or Mary, for further information.

**WOMEN'S VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND** will be held at Christ Central, Cocoa, October 19-22. Contact Fr. Terry or Mary for further information. They will be on their respective weekends helping to facilitate.

**PRAYER IS AVAILABLE** at the altar rail immediately following the service.

**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.

**LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS:** If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at [farxpert@gmail.com](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com), Fr. Eric at [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.org), or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS** for September is the Children's Hunger Project. You can help ensure that children have meals on weekends. During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary schools and to maintain the current service costs approximately \$40,000 per month. The pre-packaged meals are distributed directly into qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks on Friday afternoons and require no cooking. All offerings in the blue or lavender pew envelopes, or specifically marked "outreach" in the month of September will go to The Children's Hunger Project. of Brevard. Promise DeLa Paz, Community Outreach Coordinator with the Hunger Project will be our speaker today.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY** information is available in the church newsletter, *The Good News*. Visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > About > Church Newsletters and full financial reports are available at [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) .About > Vestry Documents.

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35



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).

## **A Parishioner Remembers**

As I looked back on my Memories at St John's, I had to reflect on the purpose and Mission of St. John's. I started by re-reading the Mission Statement of St John's, and it seemed to put all of my memories in order!

"St. John's is a worshipping community, guided by Scripture, growing servants of Christ, and sharing Jesus' love in word and deed. First, we are a community. We recognize that as the body of Christ, we are bound to one another. When one rejoices, all rejoice. When one suffers all suffer. The church is not a club of individual people, but a living community bound together in Christ. The primary act of the community that binds and identifies us is worship. "Worship" means to grant worth to something other than ourselves. We offer our worship to God as understood in the Christian tradition, in the Creeds and in our Book of Common Prayer." Most of my memories come from the communities that we were actively involved with at St John's.

St John's was just not Sunday to our family but a 51-year journey!!

*- Paul Burleson*

### **Excerpt from "The Mission of St. John's"**

By Miriam K. Hicks. © 1981

The climax of St. John's was reached in 1928, when the Bishop and clergy made it clear to the tiny congregation that the church's real mission was to keep the doors open for future generations. This was accomplished, though it was often a struggle!

The membership in 1954 was made up of nineteen families and twenty-three individuals. The first Vestry Committee was organized on March 11, and the first matter on the agenda was the importance of renting a house in order for St. John's to have its very own vicar, at the time they shared a vicar with Holy Trinity. During that first year the vestry also agreed to pay the organist.

A local businessman, Mr. John Chapman, paid for five Gothic Chasubles in the church colors for \$20.32 each. Mr. H.W. Jessup, not yet a communicant, built an Ambry to hold the new vestments.

(Chasubles today range from \$250 to \$1,000.)

Ed. note: A few printed copies of this book are available from the church office, but are available for loan only. The complete text is available on the church website: [stjohnsmib.org](http://stjohnsmib.org), point to About, then click on "A not so brief history of St. John's".



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (9/10) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m.
- Mon (9/11) AA, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (9/12) Scouts, 5:30-9 p.m., Parish Hall.  
Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m. by Zoom.
- Wed (9/13) AA, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (9/14) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
- Fri (9/15) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (9/17) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.  
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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