



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 17, 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**.*

Gathering Music

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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 -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 14:19-31

**T**he angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 114

*Recited responsively by half verse*

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
*the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,*

Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
*and Israel his dominion.*

The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
*Jordan turned and went back.*

The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
*and the little hills like young sheep.*

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
*O Jordan, that you turned back?*

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
*you little hills like young sheep?*

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
*at the presence of the God of Jacob,*

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
*and flint-stone into a flowing spring.*

## Romans 14:1-12

**W**elcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give

thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

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

*All stand, as able*

*Alleluia.* Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye: hide me under the shadow of your wings. Let my sentence come forth from your presence: and let your eyes look upon the thing that is equal. *Alleluia.*

## Matthew 18:21-35

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**P**eter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the

throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 VI, BCP, p. 392*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. <i>Silence</i>	Hear us, Lord;
For all people in their daily life and work; <i>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</i>	<i>For your mercy is great.</i>
For this community, the nation, and the world; <i>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</i>	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
For the just and proper use of your creation; <i>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</i>	Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation’s military members and their families, especially, <i>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.</i> <i>Silence.</i>
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; <i>For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.</i>	We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially <i>Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, and Brenda.</i> And for those on our weekly prayer list. <i>Silence</i>
For the peace and unity of the Church of God; <i>For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.</i>	We will exalt you, O God our King; <i>And praise your Name for ever and ever.</i>
For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; <i>For all who serve God in his Church.</i>	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. <i>Silence</i>
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; <i>Who put their trust in you.</i>
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Barnabas Church, DeLand, and Church of the Advent, Dunnellon.	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
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.	



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:**

*Come and seek the ways of wisdom*

David Hurd

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path of justice,  
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,

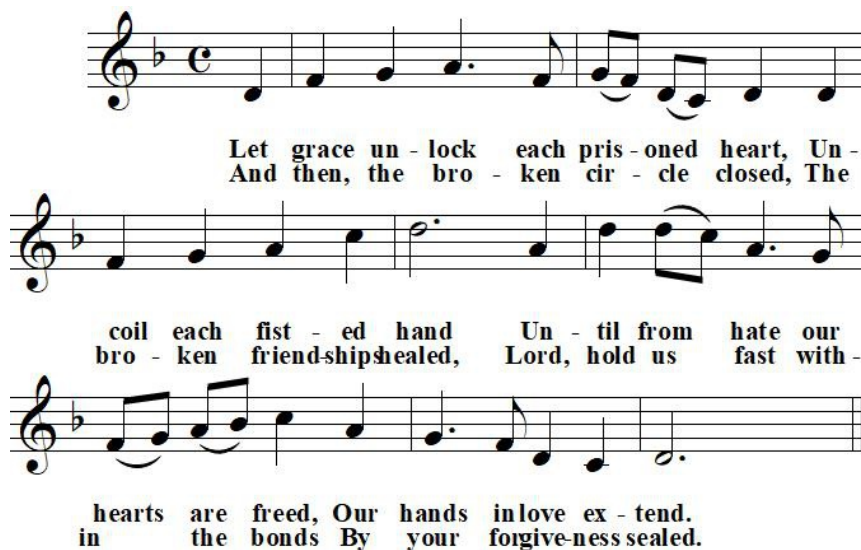
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

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**Presentation Hymn, “Let grace unlock each prisoned heart”**

Tune: DETROIT



Let grace un - lock each pris - oned heart, Un -  
And then, the bro - ken cir - cle closed, The  
coil each fist - ed hand Un - til from hate our  
bro - ken friendship healed, Lord, hold us fast with -  
hearts are freed, Our hands in love ex - tend.  
in the bonds By your forgive-ness sealed.

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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, Voluntary,**                      *Improvisation*

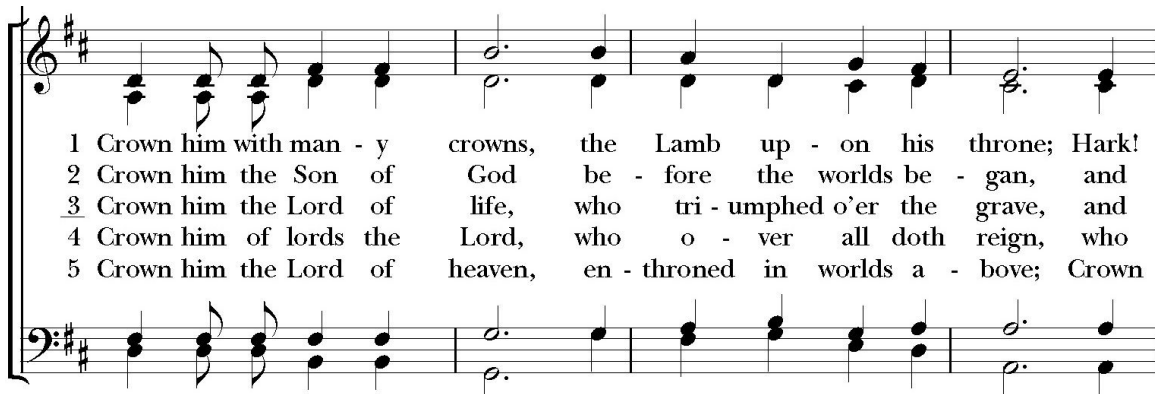
**The Postcommunion Prayer**                      *All kneel, as able*                      *BCP, p. 366*

*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.*

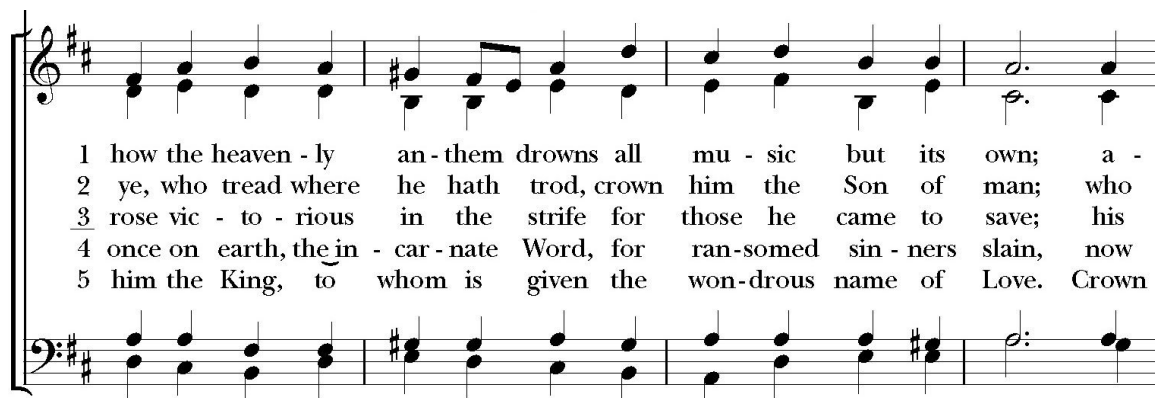
**The Blessing**

# Hymn 494, "Crown him with many crowns"

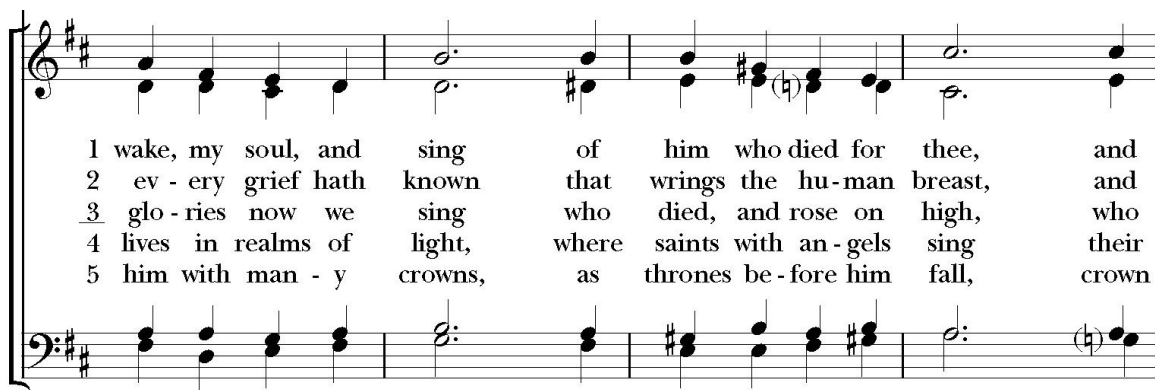
Tune: DIADEMATA



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Voluntary

*ON DIADEMATA*

Daniel Rutz



## THIS MORNING’S MUSIC

From time to time, a hymn captures our imagination because of its simplicity and transparency. Such a hymn is “I want to walk as a child of the light.” Kathleen Armstrong Thomerson (b. 1934) wrote the hymn during the summer of 1966 during a visit to the Church of the Redeemer in Houston, Texas, the location providing the origin for the tune name Houston. This hymn first appeared in the supplement entitled Songs for Celebration (1980) to our Episcopal Hymnal 1940. The noted hymnodist Dr. Carlton Young notes some biblical passages that support the text: Isaiah 42:6c, “I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations”; Malachi 4:2, “But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings”; Revelation 21:25b, “And there will be no night there,” and 22:5b, “They need no light of lamp or sun.”

At the Offertory we hear a hymn from our hymnal entitled Voices Found: Women in the Church’s Song. The book is a unique compilation of contemporary and historical materials that crosses boundaries of geography, time, and culture as it represents the diversity of the gifts of women and seeks to affirm and expand the spirituality of all women and men as they find new voices in the church’s song. The musical setting is by Dr. David Hurd (b.1950) a composer, concert organist, choral director and educator who was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea, New York City, for 39 years.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” our closing hymn, was written by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) and first found in *Hymns of the Heart* (1851) and *Hymns and Sacred Lyrics* (1874). To illustrate the text, “And on his head were many crowns” (Revelation 19:12), these two different authors have written two different texts, each with six stanzas. Our hymnal has made a selection from the twelve stanzas. (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:** Gail Dunbar, Linda Miller.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**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 17	September 24
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks Rev. S. Davidson
<b>Ushers</b>	J. & S. Hamilton	B. Chernault J. Miller
<b>LEM</b>	J. Bond	J. Hamilton
<b>Altar Guild</b>	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
<b>Daughter</b>	M. Highland	T. Chernault
<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!

**WOMEN’S VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND** will be held at Christ Central, Cocoa, October 19-22. Contact Fr. Terry or Mary for further information.

**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, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

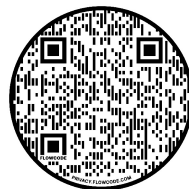
**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS** for September is the Children's Hunger Project. You can help ensure that children have meals on weekends. During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary

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.

**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 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16



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).

## **Excerpt from “The Mission of St. John’s”**

By Miriam K. Hicks. © 1981

A quote from an October, 1969, newsletter, author unknown:

"A parish is a group of people in a geographical area who come together to worship Jesus Christ Who has gathered them into His Body. It is not a rector and a vestry, not a group of buildings, or any other material convenience. Any and all activities of the parish - from washing coffee cups to picking up paper on the lawn, can be done to the glory of God, if they are done with a sense of common unity in worship of Christ. Singing in the choir, serving as an acolyte, opening a door, raising the heart and voice to God, all make divine sense in the light of worship. The parish has meaning only as a unit in the family of God - a family which stretches to the four corners of the world and which is open and welcome to all people who will accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour."

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

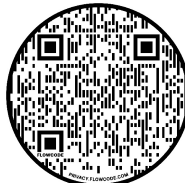
- Sun (9/17) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Young People's AA, 4-7 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (9/18) AA, 7-10 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (9/19) Scouts, 5:30-9 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (9/20) AA, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thurs (9/21) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall  
Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.  
Vestry Meeting, 7 p.m., Chapel.
- Fri (9/22) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (9/24) 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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