



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 30, 2026
10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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



Voluntary

Prelude in D Minor

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Hymn 401,

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Tune: LEONI

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Rite II, p. 355

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.***

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:*

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

All sit

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your

father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians

oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his

name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45

Recited by all in unison

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.***

***Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.***

***Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.***

***Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.***

***Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,***

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *

O children of Jacob his chosen.

***Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.***

***The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;***

***Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.***

***He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.***

Hallelujah!

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the

needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but

associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry,

feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Hymn 675, verse 1-3,

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Tune: BOURBON

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those

who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 675, verse 4-5

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 the All Saints Episcopal Church, Winter Park, and St. Richard's Episcopal Church, Winter Park.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Church in the Province of the West Indies. *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, **Caleb, Chase, Geoffrey, Jack, Johnny, Kyle, Marsha, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Sarah, and Siena.** *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 **Frank, and Sara.** *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 the Holy Land, 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

Service of Admission for the Daughters of the King

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

Rite II, BCP, p. 367

At the Offertory,

Hymn 441,

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

Presentation Hymn 380,

Doxology

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

We will sing stanza 3 only

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below:***

***praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
Angels and Archangels and with all the company
of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to
proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-129

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

Setting: Robert Powell

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Please kneel, as able

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness
and love which you have made known to us in
creation; in the calling of Israel to be your
people; in your Word spoken through the
prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent
him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be
the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him,
you have delivered us from evil, and made us
worthy to stand before you. In him, you have
brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into
righteousness, out of death into life.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love
you made us for yourself, and, when we had
fallen into sin and become subject to evil and
death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your
only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to
you, the God and Father of all.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus

Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
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; and when
he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to
you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy
Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the

Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been Baptized, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

At the Distribution,

Voluntary *Interlude on "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"* Harold R. Vetter

Hymn 635, "If Thou But Trust in God in Guide Thee" Tune: WER NUN DEN LIEBEN

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

Molto moderato

César Franck

**THIS MORNING’S MUSIC**

In this morning’s Old Testament reading in Exodus, Moses trembles at the revelation of the great I AM in the burning bush, marveling at God’s promises to people. The same awe animates our entrance hymn “The God of Abraham Praise”. Derived from the Yigdal, a Jewish creedal prayer often sung at start or conclusion of liturgical services, the text reminds us of the Jewish roots of Christianity and of God’s embodied acts in history.

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we sing “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”, which explicitly echoes Christ’s call to his disciples to deny themselves and follow him. The words of the hymn’s text are taken from the poem “Visions of Death”, written by Episcopalian clergyman Charles William Everest (1814-1877) at age 19, displaying his pensive piety long before the official beginning of his ministry.

The offertory hymn, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”, explores the trials and triumphs of earthly life from the expansive perspective of eternity. The author of the hymn’s text, Sir John Bowring (1792-1872), was by all accounts a progressive reformer, a prodigious linguist (he translated from Russian, Batavian, Spanish, Polish, Serbian, Bohemian, Magyar, Czech and Hungarian), a profound devotional poet, and a rather poor businessman. Fortunately, his hymns are remembered more by posterity than his mismanagement of British affairs in China. “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” later inspired the beloved Isaac Watts hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”.

Following Christ as we are exhorted to do in the lectionary passage in Matthew entails trusting in God’s guidance, a lesson that is lyrically underlined in our communion hymn “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” and its accompanying voluntary. The hymn comes to us from German through the efforts of another prodigious linguist, the translator Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878).

In honor of the induction of new members of the Daughters of the King, we again sing “Lift High the Cross” as our exit hymn. The hymn was written by George Kitchin for a festival service at Westminster Cathedral and originally contained eleven (!) stanzas. While our modern version is mercifully much shorter, it is no less joyful and triumphant, reflecting confidence in the Resurrection and the defeat of the powers of darkness.



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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 or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Karin Kuhn.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bob & June Stitzel.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Youth meet in the chapel. All are welcome!

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd.

BIBLE STUDY: "Read the Bible in a Year", Wednesday, 10: a.m. in the Rector's office. Drop-ins welcome!

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King, beside the Daughters' banner in the Sanctuary. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter. The Daughters have taken a vow to pray for others and take this vow seriously.

Prayers will be passed on to Fr. Timothy if requested.

A BASKET IS AVAILABLE at the back of the church for non-perishable food items for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry. Please consider bringing in a can or two each Sunday.

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ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is the Children's Hunger Project. **Brevard County teachers** recognize which children lack weekend nutrition. Each food package includes easy-to-use, non-perishable items. This support helps the children return to school on Monday nourished, focused, and ready to learn. The mission started with one school and 27 children. Today, food packages are assembled, packed, and delivered to 4,800+ children at 60+ schools. In Brevard County, and although students are provided for by the schools during the week, they often go hungry on the weekend. The Children's Hunger project exists to help elementary schools provide weekend food for as many children as possible.

The cost to feed one child for one year is \$190.
TheChildrensHungerProject.org.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

	August 30, 10 a.m.	Sept 6, 10 a.m.	Sept 13, 10 a.m.	Sept 20, 10 a.m.
Greeter	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. & T. Chernault P. Pedro	J. Bond J. Miller	B. Chernault P. Pedro	J. Miller P. Pedro
Reader/ Chalice Bearer	M. Salmon	K. Oas	J. McLaughlin	M. Salmon
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	K. Oas	N. Perez	M. Salmon
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.



You are 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 by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Pam Davis at 321-255-7459 Sunhatpam@hotmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (8/30) Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8 a.m.

Adult Christian Formation, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestream.

AA Inter Group, 3:00, Parish Hall.

Mon (8/31) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Tues (9/1) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (9/2) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10: a.m., Rector's office.

Choir on hiatus until September.

AA Bus. Meeting, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Thurs (9/3) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

AA Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m., on Zoom.

Fri (9/4) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (9/6) Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8 a.m.

Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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