



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

(Proper 17 C)

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

August 31, A.D. 2025

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

We invite newcomers to fill out a visitor's card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

If you have young children, please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. A nursery for children ages 3 and younger is now closed, but will be available every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning next Sunday, September 7.

Hearing assistance devices are currently out of order. We hope to have them repaired and operational soon.

Please be advised that the 10:15 Sunday Service is live-streamed to St. John's web site, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary
Hymn 408

Trumpet in C major
Sing praise to God who reigns above

William Boyce
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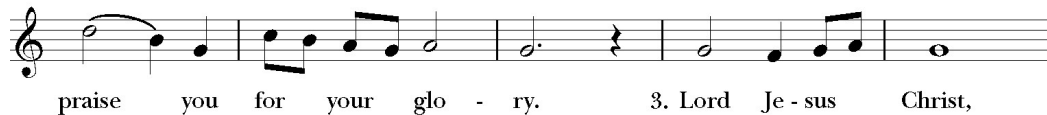
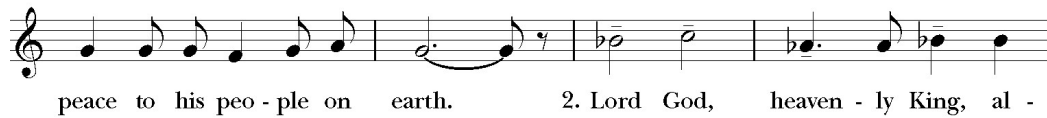
Acclamation and Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

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

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

Celebrant 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: William Mathias, Hymnal S-278 (spoken at 8:00) Page 356



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.

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Lesson from the Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

NRSV

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He

removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 112 *Beatus vir* (spoken at 8:00)

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the /LORD *
and have great delight in his com/mandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the /land; *
the generation of the upright will be /blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their /house, *
and their righteousness will last for /ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the /upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of com/passion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in /lending *
and to manage their affairs with /justice.
- 6 For they will never be /shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re/membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil /rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the /LORD.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not /shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their /enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the /poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with /honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine a/way; *
the desires of the wicked will /perish.



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New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. . .

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00) Gospel Alleluia 
Sung by all

(10:15) Hymn 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Foundation

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. . . .

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was

crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept. The people kneel.*
 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 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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect. . . . Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* celebrate(s) another year. Grant that *they* may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(10:15) Children's Sermon

The Holy Communion

(10:15) Offertory Anthem *O God, beyond all praising* (Thaxted) Gustav Holst, arr. Forrest
 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.—*Michael Perry, 1982*

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Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A *The people stand.*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

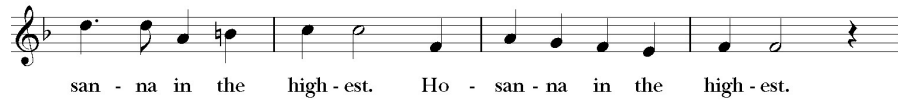
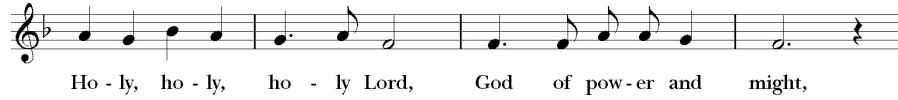
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . . 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:



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The people stand or kneel.

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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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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

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Fraction anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus (Mode 6, Hymnal S-167)

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Cantor




1. The bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia,




is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia,



for though man-y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand or kneel to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may depart or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the minister to dip the wafer in the wine, please keep the bread in your hand, and s/he will dip the wafer and place it between your fingers or on your tongue. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher.

(10:15) Communion Hymns

Hymn 325	<i>Let us break bread together on our knees</i>	Let us break bread
Hymn 313	<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>	Jesus, meine Zuversicht
Hymn 662	<i>Abide with me</i>	Eventide
Hymn 178	<i>Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord</i>	Alleluia No. 1

Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread using these words:

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Birmingham

The Dismissal: **Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God by **Laura Albergotti Clapp Nason**
in loving memory of her late husband, **Bob Clapp.***

The church office is closed tomorrow for the holiday.

Welcome to Ms. Reem Nour, our new choral scholar. She is a junior at UNC-Charlotte.

Wednesday Night Supper returns!— September 3. Menu: Salad assortment: Cobb salad, vegetable salads, strawberry/pecan salad, pasta salads, and more! Supper is served 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast returns next Sunday, September 7, 8:45-9:45 a.m. **Christian Education** for all ages will be offered at 9:15 a.m., beginning next Sunday.

Choirs are just resuming rehearsals – St. Nicholas's Training Choir, (ages 4-8) Wednesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m., beginning September 3. Treble Youth RSCM Choir, Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m., treble voices grades 3-12, beginning September 3. St. John's Choir, SATB teens and adults, 6:30-8:00 p.m. meets Thursdays, preparing for Kanuga choir retreat and the Mozart *Missa Brevis in D* for All Saints in November. Handbell choirs resume rehearsals September 10. New members are always welcome in our choirs!

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) - Two important dates to know! September 21 - EYC Fall Kickoff! September 26-28 - EYC Fall Retreat to Awanita!

Belize Mission Trip Recap—Sunday, September 21, 9:15 a.m. Pictures, stories. Don't miss it!

Hagar's Basket served 298 families August 16! Stocking day is Thursday, September 11; distribution day is Saturday, September 20. Contact Erin Richardson to volunteer. Spanish speakers needed for distribution days like September 20. **Free Flu Shots**—Saturday, Sept. 20, 8-10 a.m. Walgreens will provide free flu shots in the St. John's parking lot during Hagar's Pantry Day. The required form is in the e-blast.

How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread alone.



To drink from the chalice, please help guide it to your lips.



To receive a blessing only (no bread or wine) or to decline the chalice.



For Intinction

Please leave the bread in your hands. The chalice bearer will take it from you dip it in the wine, and return it to you. Do not attempt to dip the bread in the chalice yourself.



To receive gluten free bread, just ask the priest.



Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs
Ms. Reem Nour, Soprano Choral Scholar
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime
Mr. Jamey Graves, Parish Administrator & Music Associate

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Fred Alexander (Sr. Warden), Brian Emigh, Mary Jane Gommel, Bill Grant (Treasurer), Kathleen Harrington, Grant Hawgood, Suzy Johnson (Clerk), Greg McAbee (Endowment), Steve Nason, John Newton, Elizabeth Sigmon (Jr. Warden), Cindy Winslow (Pre-school board)



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