

St John's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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June 21, 2026, 10am

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As we worship today, you are invited to pray aloud with us, or join silently; to sing along or enjoy listening. Welcome - we are grateful for your presence!

During the service, please text your prayer request, birthday, anniversary or occasion of thanksgiving to 415.275.0115.

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FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship

9am: Intergenerational Family Worship

10am:

Worship (in-person & live stream)

Children's Sunday School

Morning Youth Group

Monday

7:30pm: Women's Bible Discussion (Zoom)

2nd Saturdays of the Month *(no meeting in June)*

8am: Men's Group

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Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 372

Praise to the living God

Leoni

Sung by all, standing

- 1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!
- 2 Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.
- 3 His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old: he speaketh still.
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.
- 4 Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

— Medieval Jewish Liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928)
and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider and People

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.

But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 (Hymn 679) Surely it is God who saves me *Thomas Merton*
Sung by all, seated.

- 1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.
- 2 Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

— Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

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Gospel Acclamation Ross Alleluia No. 2 John Karl Hirten
Sung by all. Cantor will sing the first line, then all continue singing or repeat the first line, ad libitum.

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

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

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

Cantor will sing a verse, after which all repeat the Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Heather Erickson

A moment of silent reflection follows the Sermon.

Creed Sung by all, standing

1 I be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au-thor of all things that
2 I be-lieve that Je-sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru-ci-
3 I be-lieve in God's own Spir-it, bond-ing all the saints with-
4
be, Mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, Keep-er
fied; tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied— True life
in one church, cath-o-lic and ho-ly, where for-
7
of the sky and sea. I be-lieve in God's son, Je-sus, now for
there had tru-ly died. I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was
give-ness frees from sin; in the bod-y's res-ur-rec-tion, for the
11
us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir-it and of
raised up from the grave, then as-cend-ed to God's
break-ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-
14
Mar-y born to bring a-bun-dant life.
right-hand. He will come to judge and save.
last-ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Beach Spring*, Traditional American

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Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 Truth.

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...and for the prayers sent in by text...Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
We will exalt you, O God our Ruler;
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.
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.
A moment of silence is kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The presider offers God's absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

The Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory & Collection

The ushers take a collection during the offertory anthem. We rely on the financial contributions of members and visitors and ask for your generous support. Ways of giving to St. John's are listed on page 2 of the bulletin.

Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

The Congregation is welcome to sing the Chorus.

- Chorus* There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.
- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (*Chorus*)
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say He died for all. (*Chorus*)
- 3 Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend.
(*Chorus*)

The Doxology

Old Hundredth

The people stand to sing the Doxology while the collection is presented at the altar.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a -bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

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 (S-129 in the Hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sung by all.

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. Blest is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic prayer, and then says:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, and then says

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.**

Lord's Prayer

You are invited to raise your hands in prayer and blessing as we pray.

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

Presider and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

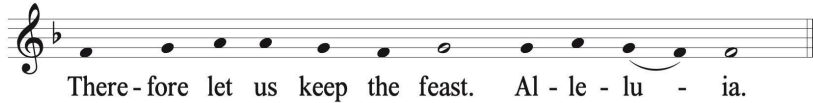
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread (S-152)
(1933-1991)

Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

Choir Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All



Administration of Communion

To receive communion please come forward and receive a piece of the consecrated bread from the priest. If you need a gluten free wafer please indicate that to the minister. If you wish to receive from the chalice please sip directly from the cup and do not dip the bread into the wine, as all evidence suggests that this creates a greater risk of transmitting infection. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating your preference by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion

Adoration

Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The presider offers God's blessing.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Occasions of Thanksgiving

All those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and occasions of thanksgiving are invited to come forward.

Today, tomorrow and always we rejoice in the hands of God.
May God's powerful hands support you.
May God's guiding hands lead you.
May God's loving hands enfold you.
We rejoice in the hands of God. Amen.

Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing

Moscow

Sung by all

1 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal:
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing!
the world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing!
the world to Christ we bring with one accord:
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world we sing!
the world to Christ we bring with joyful song:
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

—Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

People

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVdP Bagged Lunches: This Sunday During coffee hour (after the 10am) on Sunday, June 21, we are preparing 50 bagged lunches for St. Vincent de Paul's Free Dining Room, which will be distributed to those in need of a meal. We appreciate the help making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and sorting the other items into the bags. Many hands make light work!

Rev. Chris Farewell Party: August 29 The Wardens and the Vestry kindly ask you to please mark your calendars for Rev. Chris's farewell party to be held in the evening on Saturday, August 29 in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend. Details coming soon.

Parish Weekend Away: September 11-13 Hiking trails, swimming pool, simple but well-appointed rooms, and amazing food! Join us at The Bishop's Ranch in Sonoma for our annual Parish Weekend Away 2026. This year we'll gather from Friday, 9/11 to Sunday, 9/13 for two days and two nights of fellowship, fun, rest, and spiritual development. Families, singles, and seniors welcome. Online signup at www.stjohnsross.org

Harvest Gala Save the Date: October 17 Your presence is cordially requested for an evening of intrigue and enchantment on Saturday, the seventeenth of October from five to nine o'clock in the evening. Ballroom attire and Venetian-style masks are encouraged. Details and RSVP information to follow.

Women's Bible Discussion: Mondays On Monday evenings, 7:30-8:30pm, a group of women gather on Zoom to read and discuss books of the bible and sometimes other ancient texts. We are currently exploring the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Please contact Rev. Heather for more information.

Summer Sunday School starts this Sunday. We invite all children from preschool to 5th grade to join us for a summer of discovering who God is, exploring His world, and growing in faith through hands-on experiences. We meet in the Fireside Room at 10AM.

Volunteers Needed. Extra hands are needed this summer to help our kids learn, explore, and grow in faith. Interested? Please email Sandra Pathik, Director of Children's Ministry.

Sunday Morning Youth Group On most Sundays, all youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 10am. This Sunday, all are welcome to join Robert and Mike for a conversation about the question of the week. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather.

Music Notes Florence Price was born in Little Rock Arkansas in 1887 into a mixed race family, her father a dentist and her mother a teacher who introduced her to piano study. After graduating high school at age 14, Florence enrolled in the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, where she passed as Mexican to avoid racial

discrimination. While there she composed a string trio and her first symphony, and graduated with honors, earning an artist's diploma in organ and a teaching certificate.

Her home town of Little Rock was experiencing racial violence, and Florence moved with her family to Chicago. There her career thrived with many performances of her orchestral works, multiple engagements to perform her own piano concerto, and inclusion in the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). But after her death of a stroke at age 66 in 1953, she was largely forgotten. The twenty-first century is seeing a revival of interest however, with her work being described as "musically significant, but more than that, thoroughly enjoyable. How tragic that, largely on account of her race and gender, Price's music was almost erased."

SERVING TODAY

(Worship Prep)

Leslie Limpert	Altar Guild
Judy Valentine	Altar Guild
Beverly Wynn*	Altar Guild
Jane Heath	Communion Bread Baker
Anne Doyle	Flower Angel

8:00 AM (Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Shelley Wilson	Usher

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Sunday School)

Sandra Pathik	Sunday School - Teacher
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10:00 AM (Worship w/Choir)

Keith Granger	A/V - Audio
John Summerlin	A/V - Video
The Rev. Skip Fotch	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Preacher
Anne Doyle	Eucharistic Minister
Connie Granger	Eucharistic Minister
Martin Coyne	Lector
Becky Hlebasko	Usher
Dave Petterson	Usher

Sun, 11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Kari Chao	Goodies Supplier
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PRAYER LIST

Members

Rosemary Morgan	Melinda Booth	Ted Anspacher
Betty Enemark	Travis Wright	The Rev. Jan West
JT Sweet	Carol Hughes	Signe Lando

Friends and Family

Cindy Chase	(friend of Holly Posner)
Maria Bonilla	(friend of the Posners)
The Rev. Preston Lentz	(friend of June and John Sullivan)
Dan McClean	(brother of Tim McClean)
Steffanie Smith	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Mary Goff	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Damien Calderon	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Tim Jones	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Martha Shelton	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Zach Jones	(friends & family of Betsy Bennett-Smith)
Marlene Anderson	(friend of LaTonya Summers)
The family of Kristin Smart	
Susan	(friend of Peter English)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Cindy Sohl	(friend of Shari and David Kinney)
Sarah	(daughter of Paula)
Michael Daly	(son of Marty Daly)
Cathy	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Ellie, baby of Aarti & Rick	(friend of Marian Mancini)
Kathy Behrendt	(daughter-in-law of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Liz Colborn	(relative of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Melissa Mikesell	(friend of Danielle Colborn Wright)
Joy Burghardt	(friend of Anne Doyle)
Vera Grigorian	(former parishioner)
Leslie Gay	(friend of Lauren Lamm)
Marcia Summers	(former parishioner)
Martin Ash	(friend of Alisa Quint)
Kayley Jones	(goddaughter of Rick and Marilyn Riede)

In Death

Ruthanna Page

Pastoral Note: A funeral for Ruthanna Page will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 2pm.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Vision St. John's is a spiritual home that welcomes all, loves and respects all, and serves all in Christ's name

Our Mission We pray, worship and celebrate the Gospel
Responding to the needs of our communities
While building relationships to support us on our journey of faith

Clergy, Staff & Vestry

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INFORMATION



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