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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 10

July 12, 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! If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews (or use the qr code) and give it to an usher or priest.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN

To the Glory of God

FAITH-FILLED GATHERINGS

Sunday

8am: Worship (resumes September 20)

9am: Intergenerational Family Worship

10am:

Worship w/choir (in-person & livestream)

Sunday School for children & youth

Monday

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

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Prelude

Welcome

A few moments of silence follow the welcome announcement.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

Sung by all, standing

- 1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound
all may heed thy joyful sound;
- 2 word of how the Father's will
made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave,
earth from sin and death to save;
- 3 word of how the Savior's love
earth's sore burden doth remove:
how forever, in its need,
through his death the world is freed;
- 4 word of how the Spirit came,
bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never failing love
guides us on to heaven above.
- 5 Word of life, most pure and strong,
word for which the nations long;
spread abroad, until from night
all the world awakes to light.

—Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841):
tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)
and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.
St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Opening Acclamation

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider and People

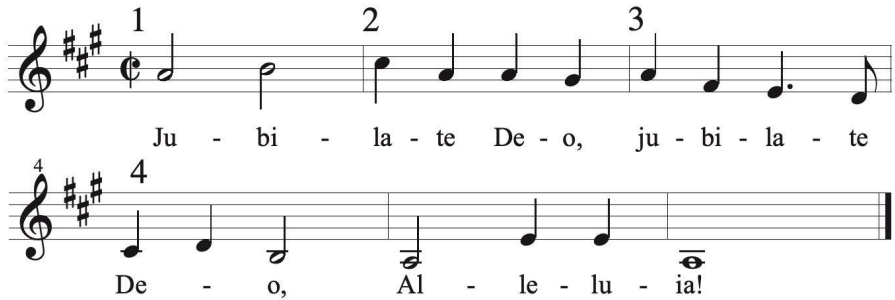
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Jubilate Deo

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Sung by all. May be sung as a round.



1 2 3
Ju - bi - la - te De - o, ju - bi - la - te
4
De - o, Al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:9-14

Plainsong, Tone 8

Congregation sings the EVEN verses with the choir



9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very **plénteous**; *
the river of God is / full of **wáter**.

10 You **prepáre** the grain, *
for so you pro/vide for **thé** earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the **rídges**; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and / bless its **íncrease**.

12 You crown the year with your / **góodness**, *
and your paths over/flow with **plénty**.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for **grázing**, *
and the / hills be **clóthed** with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with **gráin**; *
let them / shout for **jóy** and sing.

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**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams

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
5 fied; tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied- True life
6 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
8 there had tru-ly died. I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was
9 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
12 raised up from the grave, then as-cend-ed to God's
13 break-ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev-er-
14 Mar-y born to bring a-bun-dant life.
15 right-hand. He will come to judge and save.
16 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.

Peace

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

Announcements

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Presider God 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

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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:

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you 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)

Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens
(1933-1991)

Choir Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Ave Verum Corpus

Cheryl Ziedrich

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 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez a Dieu

Sung by all.

- 1 Father, we thank thee who hast planted
Thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure,
didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.

2 Watch o'er Thy church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still.
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands Thy church be gathered
into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

— Translated from 1st C. Greek by F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**** Members of the congregation are always welcome to watch the organist play the postlude. Walk up the ramp behind the organ console. Parents with children are especially welcome, but please wait until the end to converse! ****

Join us for coffee and treats in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Update on the Search for our Next Rector We are writing to you today to update you on our process to find a new Rector for St. John's. After consultation with the Diocese and careful deliberation among the Vestry, we are planning to conduct a national search for our future Rector. St. John's is a vibrant, thriving parish in an attractive part of the Country, with a Rectory to provide to our next leader and their family, so we anticipate a substantial number of applicants.

Our next step in this process is to find an Interim Rector to lead us through this transition period. We are currently reviewing potential candidates and hope to have a suitable candidate in place before Rev. Chris departs on August 30th.

The Vestry will form a Search Committee to direct the search. We have begun to reach out to potential Committee members and hope to have the Search Committee in place within the next few weeks. The Search Committee will start by undertaking a congregation-wide process to discern St. John's future and articulate what we, as a parish, seek in our next Rector.

Here at St. John's we are blessed to have Rev. Heather as the Associate Priest. She will be invaluable to us during the transition period and beyond. We are extremely grateful to her for all her contributions to the Parish and the insight and stability that she will provide.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate, what for most of us, are uncharted waters. We are excited by the prospect of new beginnings and have great confidence that the Lord will guide us in this process and put St. John's on a new path of spiritual growth and renewal. Please continue to hold the Vestry, our congregation, and the Rankin-Williams family in your prayers as we navigate this transition together.

The Wardens and Vestry

Questions, comments, or concerns? Submit to vestry@stjohnsross.org

Men's Group July Meeting Update: July 13 Next meeting will be an evening out Creekside Pizza and Taproom this Monday July 13th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP to mensgroup@stjohnsross.org

Christian Meditation: July 28 All are invited to gather in the chapel on Tuesday, July 28 at 7:30am for prayer and Christian meditation. Also known as contemplative prayer, meditation seeks God in the stillness and silence, beyond word and thought. The group meets in-person and via Zoom.

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 here.

Grief Ritual: November 1 All are invited to attend a Grief Ritual at St. John's on Sunday, November 1 on All Saints Day. The hours are 12:30pm - 3:30pm. Parishioner Dave Calhoun will facilitate this opportunity to remember that which and those whom we have lost. Early registrations are welcome – please email Dave to reserve a spot or to find out more.

St. John's Women's Retreat: April 29-May 1, 2027 Please save the date for our 2027 Women's Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest. More information and sign-ups will be coming soon.

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 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. After the class, the kids will join their parents for holy communion in the church.

Volunteers Needed. Extra hands are needed this summer to help our kids learn, explore, and grow in faith. Interested? You can email the Children's Ministry Director for more information.

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.

Summer Choral Program The St. John's Choir and The St. John's Choristers will be on their usual break from June 9 until early September. But we will continue to have a summer choral program which we call the "Drop-in Choir." We invite any and all interested parishioners to come to the chancel on Sunday morning at 9 AM to learn the hymns, psalm and anthem for that morning, which we sing at 10 AM. Even if you have not sung with the choir before, you are welcome to join us. It's not necessary to come every week, just on those days when you are here, so there is no commitment! If you are interested, please let John Hirten, our Music Director, know. Come join us!

Music Notes “Almighty God, thy word is cast” is the original first line of our offertory music this week. First published in 1819 in Thomas Cotterill’s *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for Public and Private Use*, it was a six-stanza text with the heading “After Sermon.”

It is found in our hymnal as number 588 and 589. The editors chose to omit three stanzas of the original text for inclusion in the hymnal. The omitted stanzas (after the first two) are:

Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Thy quickening grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving power may know.

Nor let thy word, so kindly sent
To raise us to thy throne,
Return to thee, and sadly tell
That we reject thy Son.

And the omitted final stanza:

Great God, come down and on Your Word
Your mighty power bestow,
That all who hear the joyful sound,
Your saving grace may know.

Roy Johnson was a professor at Florida State University School of Music from 1960-1997, and was Director of Music at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Tallahassee for 38 years.

SERVING TODAY

(Worship Prep)

Jo Burnett	Altar Guild
Susan Edwards	Altar Guild
Patty Griffith*	Altar Guild
Leslie Ross	Altar Guild
Anne Doyle	Communion Bread Baker
June Sullivan	Flower Angel

9:00 AM (Family Worship)

The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher

10:00 AM (Sunday School)

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

Vance Frost	A/V - Audio
Kevin Erdman	A/V - Video
The Rev. Heather Erickson	Clergy - Presider
The Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams	Clergy - Preacher
Anne Doyle	Eucharistic Minister
Natalie Posner	Eucharistic Minister
Michael Hiscott	Lector
Marian Mancini	Usher
Margaret Partlow	Usher

11:00 AM (Coffee Hour)

Connie Granger	Goodies Supplier
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PRAYER LIST

Members

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

Friends & Family

Ralph Gresham	(friend of Marian & Jay Mancini)
Anne Cain	(neighbor of Shari and David Kinney)
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)
Marlene Anderson	(friend of LaTonya Summers)
Susan	(friend of Peter English)
Patrick Dowd	(friend of Jamie and Joe Behrendt)
Sarah	(daughter of Paula)
Michael Daly	(son of Marty Daly)
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

Cat Frazier
Betty Enemark

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

Bishop of California	The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios
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Youth Ministry	Mike Lessin, Robert McGee
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Rev. Chris Farewell Party: August 29 The Wardens and Vestry invite you to a farewell dinner party to celebrate the more than twenty-three year ministry of our rector and his wife, the Rev. Chris and Amy Rankin-Williams. Rev. Chris and Amy, along with their family have made a lasting impact on the faith community of St. John's, Ross. The evening will be filled with toasts and remembrances, laughter and tears, AND a delicious buffet dinner.

What: Farewell Dinner Party

When: Saturday, August 29 beginning with cocktails at 5:30pm (Cocktail attire)

RSVP by August 8: Go to stjohnsross.org

Purse for the Rector It has been an Episcopal Church tradition for a congregation to offer a retiring rector a "purse." This is a financial acknowledgement of their leadership and contributions to the church community. So with Rev. Chris' retirement soon upon us, the Vestry invites you to join many of us in offering him this gift of thanks for his long tenure of caring ministry. Please note that contributions to the purse are not tax deductible. It is preferred that your contribution be made directly to Rev. Chris rather than through St. John's so that your gift does not constitute part of Rev. Chris' compensation which is subject to taxation and pension benefits. This coming Sunday, Junior Warden, Paul Castro, will be attending the 9am and 10am services to share this invitation and will be available to answer your questions.

If you would like to contribute to "Rev. Chris' purse" you can do so in one of the following ways:

- **(Preferred)** Make a check out to Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams. Give it directly to Rev. Chris or send it to the church office.
- Make a check out to St. John's Church with a memo "Rev. Chris' Purse." Put the check in the Sunday plate or send it to the church office.
- Make a gift online through St. John's, stjohnsross.org/give by August 10. Go to "other online giving" and select "Give to Purse: Rector" from the pull-down menu.