



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer
 June 21, 2026 · 9:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.
Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud

OPENING HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymnal - 686 Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OPENING SENTENCE

Enriching Our Worship 50

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

Enriching Our Worship 19

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Enriching Our Worship 20

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

VENITE 95:1-7

Enriching Our Worship 21

All **God is the rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.
Come, let us sing to the Lord;*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving*
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.
For you are a great God;*
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it,*
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.*
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
God is the rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.**

All

THE PSALM 69:8-20

Salvum me fac

We will recite the psalm together alternating verses.

⁸ Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

**⁹ I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.**

¹⁰ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**¹¹ I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹² I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.

**¹³ Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹⁴ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O Lord:

**¹⁵ "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.**

¹⁶ Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

**¹⁷ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.**

¹⁸ Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

**¹⁹ "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

²⁰ Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

All

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Lector A reading from Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE S A Song of Our True Nature Enriching Our Worship 40 *Julian of Norwich*

**Christ revealed our frailty and our falling,*
our trespasses and our humiliations.**

**Christ also revealed his blessed power,*
his blessed wisdom and love.**

**He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need;*
he raises us in spirit
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.**

**God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature;*
God is the true father and mother of natures.**

**We are all bound to God by nature,*
and we are all bound to God by grace.**

**And this grace is for all the world,*
because it is our precious mother, Christ.**

**For this fair nature was prepared by Christ
for the honor and nobility of all,*
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11

Lector A reading from Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so

Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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SERMON

The Rev. Noah Van Neil

delivered by Eva Sullivan

Enriching Our Worship 41

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 97

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 SUFFRAGES

Enriching Our Worship 42

Officiant Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**
Officiant Look upon your congregation;
People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Officiant Declare your glory among the nations;
People **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Officiant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Officiant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Officiant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace

Book of Common Prayer 815

Officiant Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from Prayers for a Sunday in Pride Season from The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

Lector All-loving God, whose life is the source of our life, whose love is the source of our salvation, pour out your grace upon your church and upon the world, that all may know you, love you, and serve one another in your Name; remembering especially The Church of South India in the Anglican Communion; and in the Diocese of Ohio St. Paul's Church, Maumee; St. Bartholomew's Church, Mayfield Village; and St. Paul's Church, Medina, and their surrounding communities.

Silence

Lector All-loving God,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector All-governing God, who set forth the foundations of the world, so direct, inspire, and correct those in authority in this nation and the world, that the laws they make and the policies they embrace may reflect the dignity with which you created humanity in your image, and in

harmony with your creation. Remove from the imaginations of power all thoughts toward oppression, discrimination, or other sins of pride, that we may truly love your image in one another, and in your Name;

Silence

Lector All-governing God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector Incarnate God, you lived among neighbors, friends and enemies alike; you know the intimate and everyday concerns of your people in this and every community. Where there is suffering, continue to heal it. Where there is harm, continue to expose it. Where there is need, continue to feed your people with the abundant Providence of God, from whom all blessings flow. Do not let us forget, either, our responsibility for one another's welfare, in your Name;

Silence

Lector Incarnate God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector Resurrecting God, we pray for those who live in the shadow of death, in places of war, in places of terror, in unsafe homes, in uncaring communities. We pray for an end to war, an undoing of terror, a disarming of hatred. We pray for those who have died, known to us and known only to you, that we may one day receive the same mercy that you have for each of them. In your Name we pray;

Silence

Lector Resurrecting God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector Awe-inspiring God, we thank you for the joys of human living, for the relationships that bring us closer to the knowledge of your love, for the colors of creation that reflect your glory, as the prophet recognized in the rainbow the glory of the living God.* We thank you that we are "marvelously made,"* in your image, and in your Name;

Silence

Lector Awe-inspiring God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector I invite you to add any intercessions or thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence.

THE CLOSING COLLECT

Officiant Everliving God, we give thanks for the ways in which you have allowed the prism of your glory to be reflected through the diversity and beauty of creation, and through your children, made in your image. We repent of the times we have refused to recognize it. We rely on your mercy to restore its vision to us. We give thanks that you always hear our prayers, made in your Name;

Silence

Lector Everliving God,

People **hear our prayer.**

* Ezekiel 1:28; Psalm 139:13

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Book of Common Prayer 102

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN Amazing Grace

Hymnal - 671

New Britain



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

We invite you to join your fellow parishioners during Coffee Hour.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Twila, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Donna Wynn, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Bob, Jason, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte, Pat Sekola, Roxanne DeNiro, George & Carol Errington, Paul, Clinton Jost, Stan, Ronald Gould, Fabio Ceccarani, Kevin Shelton, Suzanne Cinelli, Gretchen Lowe.

Happy Father's Day

The righteous man
walks in his integrity;

His children are
blessed after him.

PROVERBS 20:7

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We welcome you to St. John's.

If you are visiting with us, we ask that you fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register located in the hallway.

SERVICE TIMES We will continue with one service at 9:30am through summer.

PRIDE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 27th is Pride Youngstown. If you would like to participate in these activities as a representative of St. John's, please sign up on the bridge, or contact the church office.

AMBIENT MUSIC MEDITATION

All are welcome to our Ambient Music Meditation every 2nd and 4th Friday from 10-11am in the Church. The next date is June 26th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Summer Festival of the Arts is Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th. Our church is participating in the festival with a booth on YSU Campus and the church will be open. If you would like to volunteer for shifts at any of these locations, please contact the office.