

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

Holy Eucharist
July 26, 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

Hymn numbers prefixed HYMNAL indicate the Blue Hymnal 1982;
WLP indicate green Wonder, Love, and Praise;
LEVAS indicate black & red Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Please stand in body or spirit.

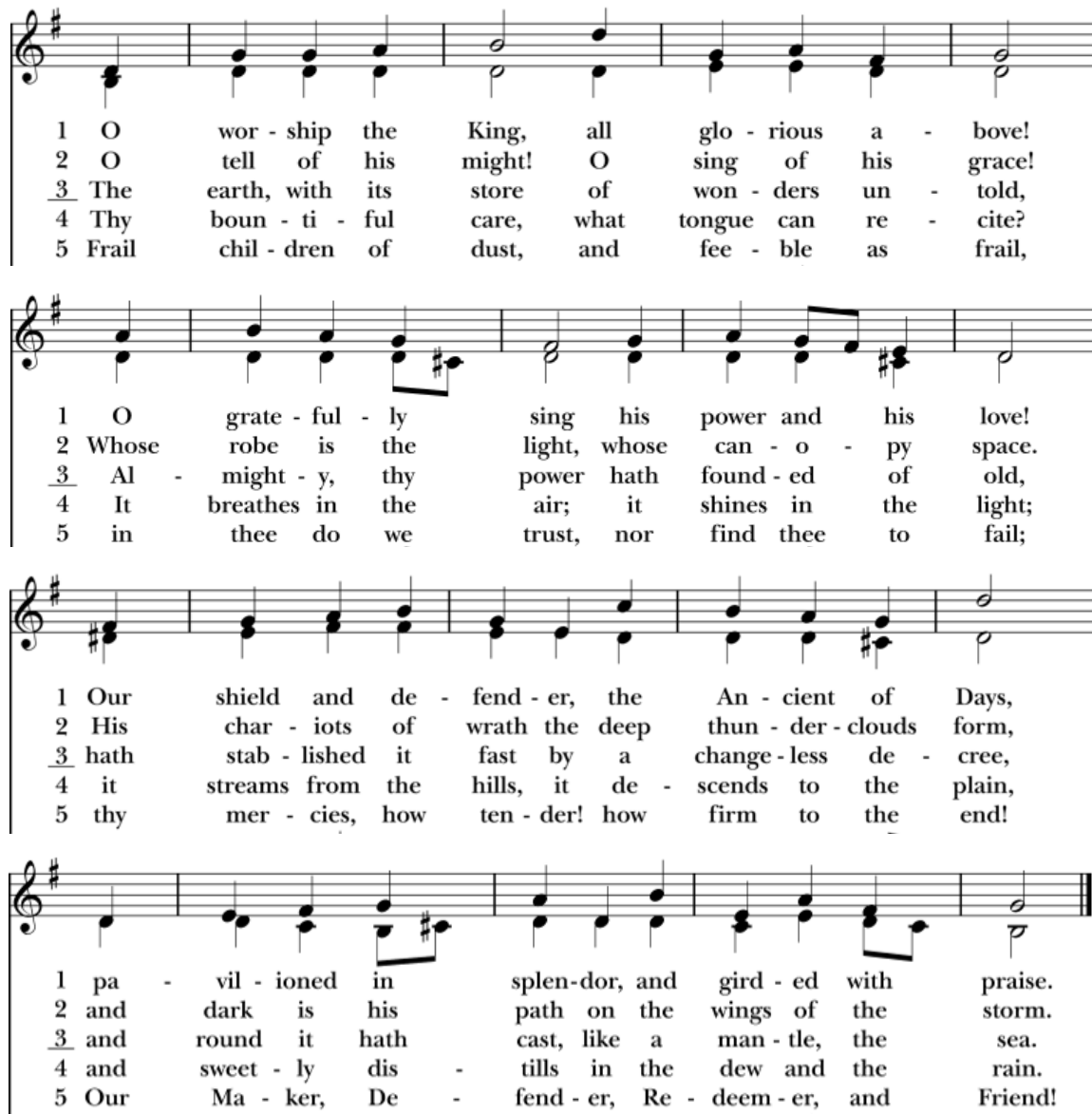
PRELUDE Meditation

Arthur Bernier

PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Worship the King

Hymnal - 388

Hanover



1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship 50

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

All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer 355

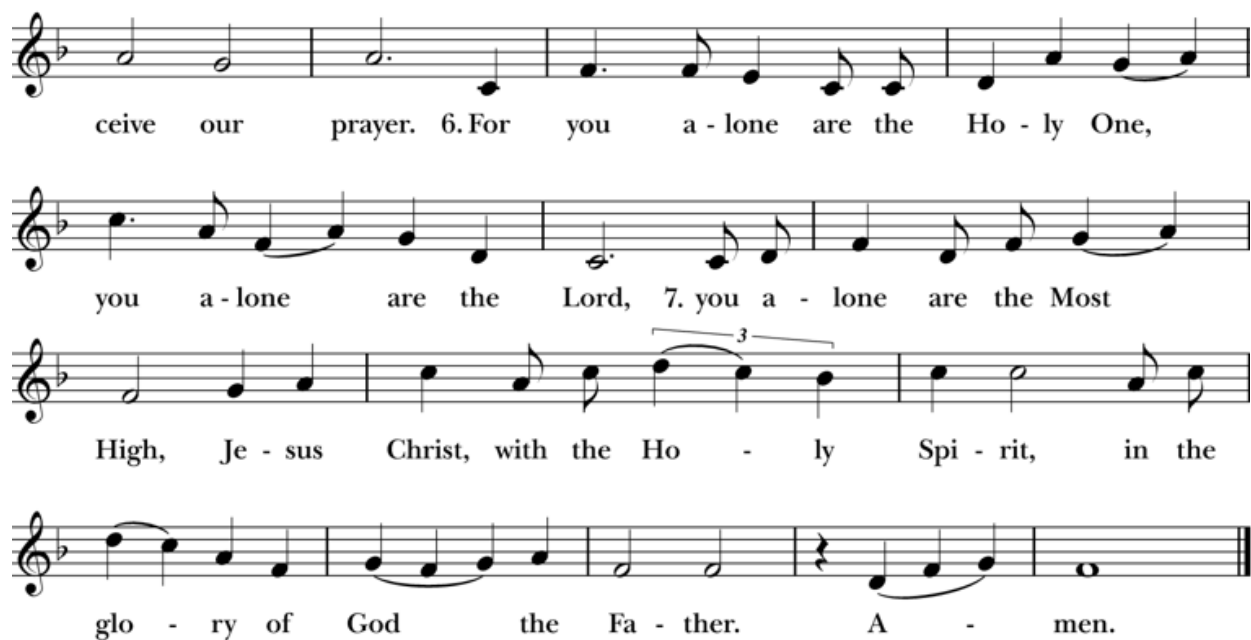
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE Gloria In Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Enriching Our Worship 51

Celebrant God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

Lector A reading from 1 Kings.

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David,

although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 119:129-136

We will read the psalm responsively.

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; *

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word goes forth it gives light; ***

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me in mercy, ***

as you always do to those who love your Name.

¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***

and I will keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Lector A reading from Romans.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to

separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector

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

All

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Children of the Heav'nly Father LEVAS - 213 Swedish Folk Melody



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child - ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Gospeller

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the

kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sally Goodall

THE NICENE CREED

Enriching Our Worship 53

All **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Book of Common Prayer 392

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God, remembering especially The Anglican Church of Tanzania; and in the Diocese of Ohio, the Province Five Synod, our Provincial Partnerships, and the Big Provincial Gathering as it prepares to meet this coming week;

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

Lector For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Anne, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially those on our prayer list. I invite you to add your intercessions, either aloud or in the silence of your heart.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to

add your thanksgivings, either aloud or in the silence of your heart.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God;

People

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector

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

Silence

Let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Enriching Our Worship 56

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

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 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

Enriching Our Worship 56

Celebrant

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant

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

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

All **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Enriching Our Worship 57

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

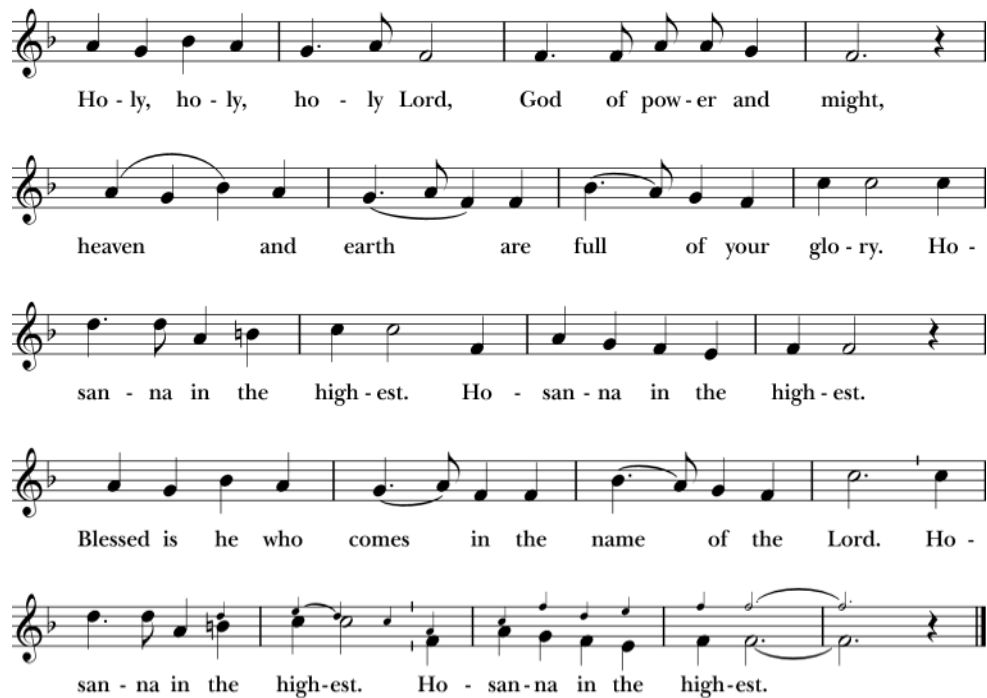
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the

wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 364

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

Enriching Our Worship 69

Celebrant We break this bread to share the Body of Christ.
All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Hymnal - S 163

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome all to the table for Holy Communion. All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest. You may receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds and gluten free wafers are available by request.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 70

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacraments of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN If Thou But Trust God to Guide Thee Hymnal - 635 Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso

Aloys Clausmann

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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.

BOOK CLUB Join us Wednesday, August 12th, 6-7pm as we discuss *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be served.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY Grow in faith and understanding with EfM. Groups follow a Benedictine and Episcopal pattern of prayer, work, and study. Participants gather in community to deepen their relationship with God, explore Christian history and theology, discern their gifts, and grow in their life with Jesus. There are no tests or grades; the only expectation is that participants show up and take part in the conversation. You are invited to join the St. John's EfM cohort mentored by Meg Silver and Mary Jane Quaranta. For more information or to sign up, please speak with Meg or Mary Jane or contact the church office.

AMBIENT MUSIC MEDITATION All are welcome to our Ambient Music Meditation every 2nd and 4th Friday from 12pm-1pm in the Church. The next date is July 24th.



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 Cagniat, 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.