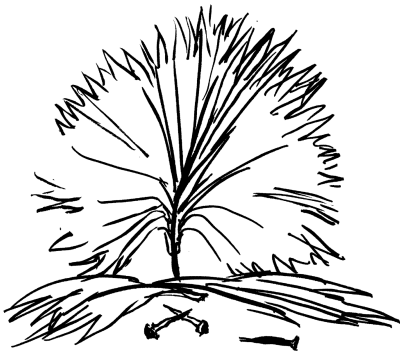




ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourteenth Sunday *after Pentecost*

Morning Prayer

August 30, 2026 • 9:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.

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Page numbers in *The Book of Common Prayer* refer to the red book

The Word of the Lord

OPENING SENTENCE

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

John 4:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

All standing in body or spirit

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.**

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.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

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

**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

The Holy One is in our midst: 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!

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

THE PSALM

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

We will read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ²**Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- ³Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴**Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.
- ⁵Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- ⁶**O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- ²³Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- ²⁴**The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; ***
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- ²⁵Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- ²⁶**He sent Moses his servant, ***
and Aaron whom he had chosen. ^{45c}**Hallelujah!**

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

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE E *A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother (Isaiah 66:10-14)*

Enriching Our Worship, p. 32

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *

all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *

from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *

"I will extend peace to her like a river,

the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and you shall nestle in her lap.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *

you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE K *A Song of Our Adoption (Ephesians 1:3–10)*

Enriching Our Worship, p. 36

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *
according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

THIRD LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

A Reading from Matthew.

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

written by The Rev. Dr. Amy Richter
Delivered by Eva Sullivan

The Prayers

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.*

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 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,
forever and ever. *Amen.*

SUFFRAGES

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
 R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
 V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
 R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
 V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
 R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Book of Common Prayer, p. 98

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, p. 815

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

Form VI

Book of Common Prayer, p. 392

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; remembering especially The Church in the Province of the West Indies in the Anglican Communion; and in the Diocese of Ohio St. Paul's Church, Steubenville, and St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville, and their surrounding communities.

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

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

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially those on our prayer list.

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.

The officiant concludes:

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY

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

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer, p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Book of Common Prayer, p. 102

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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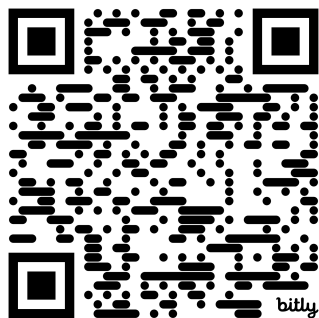
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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Leslie Matthews. by Margaret Scott.

TODAY'S AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Alice Cooper by Judy Graziano.

We Welcome You to *St. John's*

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register in the hallway. And please join us for conversation and refreshments in the back of the nave after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MINISTRY As we move into the fall, we invite you to be part of the ministry on Sundays by serving as lecturers, chalice bearers, ushers, altar guild, acolytes and vergers, or videographers. Please contact the church office or talk to one of the participants on Sunday to find out more. Everyone can participate in some way – how are you called to serve?

AMBIENT MUSIC MEDITATION All are welcome to our Ambient Music Meditation every 2nd and 4th Friday from 12pm-1pm in the Church. The next dates are September 11 and 25.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION The 2026 diocesan convention is coming November 20-21 at Sawmill Creek resort in Huron, Ohio All are welcome to attend. You are also invited to consider nominations for diocesan elected position (either for yourself or someone else). Full details are available at <https://www.dohio.org/convention>. Every faith community in the Diocese of Ohio is invited to participate in A Wider Vision, a diocesan-wide initiative sharing the stories of your community on social media. Share your photos on social media using #AWiderVisionDOHIO. Submitted photos will be used to create a collaborative photo mosaic for display at Diocesan Convention 2026.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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