

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 11

JULY 28, 2024

WELCOME!

8:00 AM

YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity.

At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Loaves and Fish

from Art in the Christian Tradition

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Please stand as you are able

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Song of Praise - "Canticle 12, A Song of Creation"p. 25 in **EOW 1**

Please read in unison

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Salutation

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Please be seated

First Lesson - 2 Kings 4:42-44*Jeff Pennex*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let

them eat.” But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord

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

Please read in unison

Psalm 145:10-19 - Exaltabo te Deus

- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.**
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully..**

Second Lesson - Ephesians 3:14-21

Jeff Pennex

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel

Gospel Reading - John 6:1-21

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Please stand to say together

Nicene Creed

p. 53 in **EOW 1**

**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 worshiped 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 .

Prayers of the People

Alicia Watt

- Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Church, that it may be a refuge of peace and renewal. We pray for the future Diocese of the Great Lakes, and for our partner congregation, St. Philips, Grand Rapids. May all who confess the name of Jesus be united in the truth of love, and grow communities of care.
- Leader God our loving Creator,
People You hear our prayers.
- Leader Guide the leaders of this and every land, that they may govern your creation with justice and integrity. Inspire them to decisions, statements, and actions that cultivate wellbeing, and help them to grow peace in your world.
- Leader God our sovereign Creator,
People You hear our prayers.
- Leader We give thanks for the earth and for the abundance of summer: for the warmth of the sun, the lush beauty of plants, and the company of animals. Keep us mindful of our place in this family, and help us to cherish these gifts as we care for the earth, our common home.
- Leader God our wondrous Creator,
People You hear our prayers.
- Leader Bless all whose lives are linked with ours, and grant that we may see the face of Christ in all God's children, loving one another as we are loved. Help us form and grow places of sanctuary and revival in our hearts, our homes, our church, and our town, and show us your will in our communities.
- Leader God our inspiring Creator,
People You hear our prayers.
- Leader Pour out your comfort and healing on all those who are sick, sad, suffering, or in prison. Make your presence and blessing known to those on our parish

prayer list: Ian, Cathy & Juan, Beth, Anita, Doug, Janeene, Kristi, Arra, Penny, Ashlee, Susan & Bob, Norma & Dean, Char, Betty, Susan, Heather, Dennis, Ellen, Josh, and Martha & the Broten family, and to all your creatures. We pray especially for those living and dying in the turmoil of war, violence, and hate; for those affected by environmental disasters; and for all those we name, silently or aloud. *[The people are invited to offer their own prayers.]* Sustain them with courage and hope, and bring us all into your abundant joy.

Leader God our healing Creator,
People You hear our prayers.

Leader We entrust to your loving care all who have died, for their continued growth in your nearer presence. We remember especially James Broten and those we name, silently or aloud. *[The people are invited to offer their own prayers.]* We pray when our work on earth is done, we too may feast in the company of all your saints and know your everlasting abundance.

Leader God our eternal Creator,
People You hear our prayers.

Concluding Collect

Creating and cultivating God, you have charged us to care for your whole creation; hear our prayers and cultivate us as faithful stewards, that we might do your good work in the world: seeing it through your eyes and loving it with your heart, so that we might be your hands and feet bringing blessing; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sin

p. 56 in EOW 1

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence

**Together 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

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory

Please stand as you are able

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

Eucharistic Prayer 2

p. 60 in **EOW 1**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for their children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Together Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest .

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,

the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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

p. 364 in **The BCP**

Celebrant
Together

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

Fraction Anthem

p. 69 in **EOW 1**

Celebrant
People

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

Please be seated

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. You may eat your bread/wafer and return to your seat, or hand it to a chalice-bearer who will intinct (dip) the bread and hand it back to you. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.

Post-Communion Prayer

p. 69 in **EOW 1**

Together

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

People Amen.

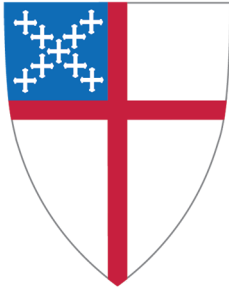
Please stand as you are able

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the God of all creation.

People Thanks be to God.

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for our St. Johns family.*



HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST
MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

SERVING TODAY

Presiding.....The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson
PreachingThe Rev. Alissa G. Anderson
Greeter/Usher..... Jim Bakeman
Lector Jeff Pennex
Intercessor Alicia Watt
Eucharistic Minister Alicia Watt
Altar Guild Judy Ellis
Coffee Hour Host
(signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

Clergy

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Staff

Dr. Amon Eady *Director of Music*
Travis Fader *Organist*
Linda Germain *Children & Youth Director*
Colleen O'Dell *Bookkeeper*
Ellen Woodard *Administrative Assistant*
Nick Lowthian *Sexton*
Vickie Densmore *Janitor*

Class of 2025

Eric Carlson, *Co-Warden*
Bill Kent
Paul Tolly

Class of 2027

Eric Heglin
Susan Rye
Fred Schuster

Class of 2026

Deb Blackhurst
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Gail Hoffman

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