



# St. John's Episcopal Church

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
AUGUST 15, 2021  
10:00 AM

**Gathering Music**

*Nearer my God to thee  
Abide with me  
Nothing but the blood*

Dogwood Jazz Combo

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Entrance Hymn** (*Standing, sung by choir*)

*Give me that old time religion*

*Refrain:* Give me that old-time religion (3x)  
It's good enough for me!

It was good for Paul and Silas (3x)  
Lord it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

It was good for the Hebrew children (3x)  
Lord it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

It was good for our mothers (3x)  
Lord it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

Makes me love everybody (3x)  
And it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

It will do when I am dying (3x)  
And it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

It will take us all to heaven (3x)  
Lord it's good enough for me! *Refrain*

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** 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.**

## **The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading Ephesians 5:15-20** *(Seated)*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn 488** *(Standing, sung by choir)*

*Be thou my vision*

## **The Holy Gospel John 6:51-58** *(Standing)*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Children's Homily**

*Children will stay in pews for Homily and then go to Children's Chapel.*

## **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh

## **The Nicene Creed** *(Said by all, standing)*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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** (*Kneeling or standing*)

*Leader:* 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 Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and John, our mayor. 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 the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Abi and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Lila Poston, Robert Morales, Betzi Welch, Candy Williams, Stanton Beazley, Barbara Gustafson, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest. 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 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.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Priest concludes with a Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest offers absolution of sin.*

### **The Peace** (*Standing*)

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory

*His eye is on the sparrow*

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

## Presentation Hymn *(Sung by choir)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

## The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus *Sung by choir)*

*Land of rest*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## The Lord's Prayer *(Said by 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

### **Communion Music**

#### **Hymn 325**

*My Lord, what a morning*

### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 376** *(Standing, sung by choir)*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Voluntary**

*Give me that old time religion*

### **Flower Dedication**

*In memory of Phyllis DeVliegher Sloyer for her birthday, by Bob Sloyer and her family*

*To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Becky and Andy Reese's 37th wedding anniversary.*

*In memory of Mildred Chapman by Helen Haines*

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