

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tallahassee, Florida

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:00 AM



Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

This summer, we are worshipping in Alfriend Hall
while the ceiling of our historic sanctuary is being restored.

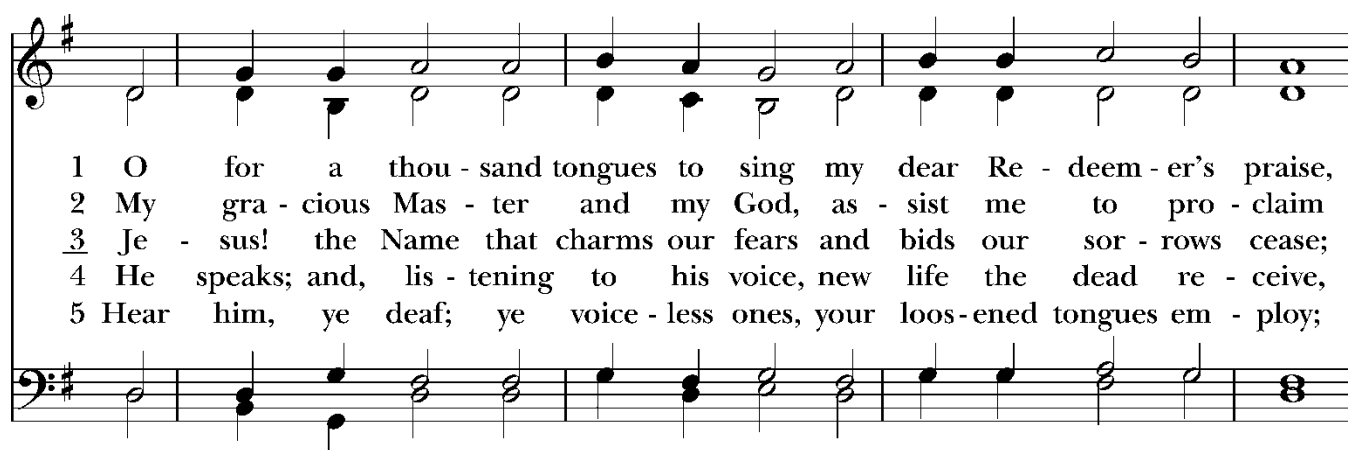
Though the setting is different, the heart of our worship remains the same.
We are glad you are here, and we invite you to settle in, lift your voice,
and join us in the joyful work of praising God together.

Tower Bells

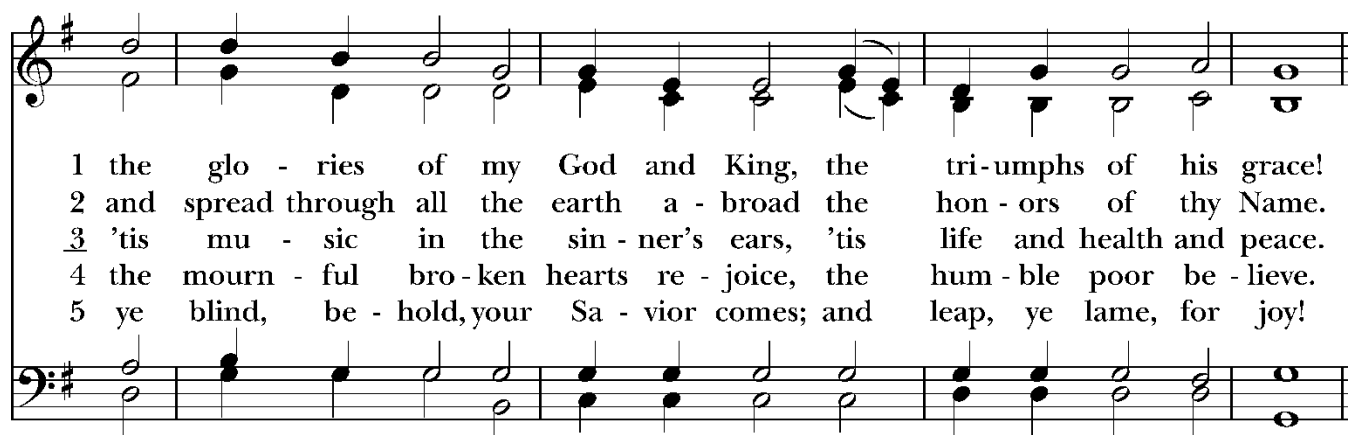
Voluntary..... Sonata in E-flat Major, Hob. XVI:49, mvt. 1
Joseph Haydn

Opening Procession

All stand as they are able.



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The people standing, the Celebrant says

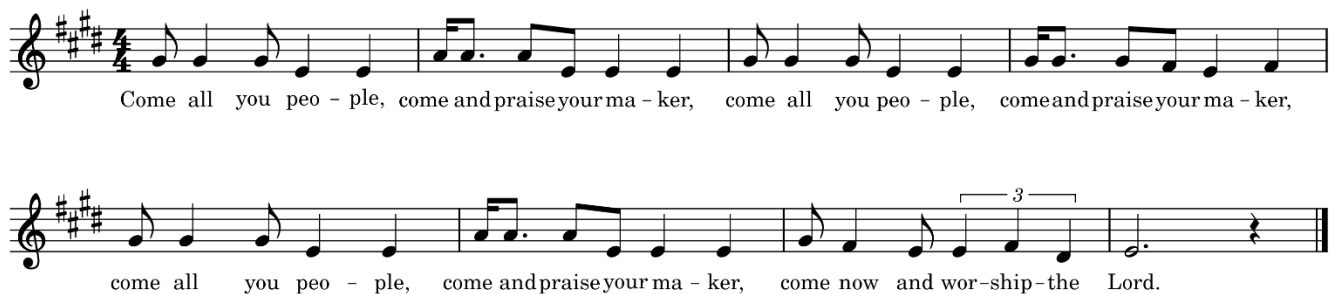
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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 Song of Praise

Sung first by the choir, then twice by all.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Isaiah

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer

of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. *[Isaiah 58:9b-14]*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
 and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
 and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
 and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
 and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one

who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. *[Hebrews 12:18-29]*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All stand as they are able.

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she

stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. [Luke 13:10-17]

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

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather before the altar for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant and the People say

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 worshipped 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 *(Remain standing)*

At the end of each petition

Leader You, O God, are our hope;
People incline your ear to us.

The Celebrant adds the following Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies,
look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover
of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin *(Remain standing)*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Your gift in support of St. John's makes all the difference. Give via the offering plate; or text STJOHNS to 73256; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church you love.



Offertory Anthem *O Christ, the healer, we have come* Kedron, arr. Hall

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists ourselves.

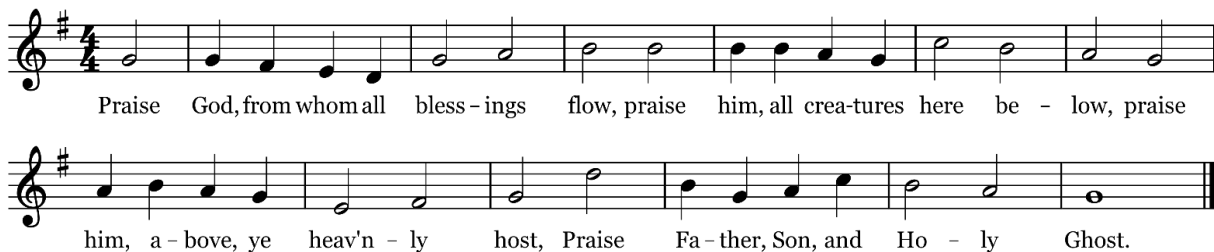
In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903 – 2000)

Presentation of the Gifts

All stand as they are able.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 *from Enriching Our Worship*

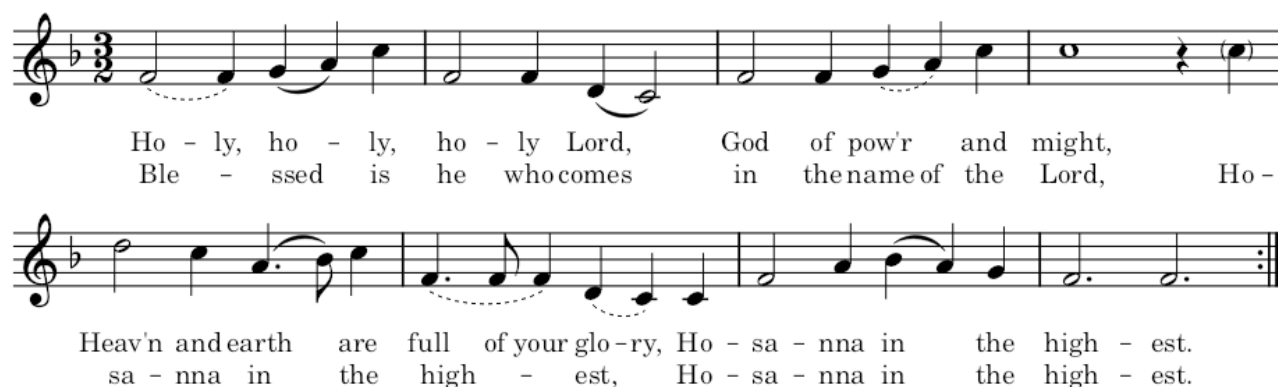
The People remain standing. The Celebrant says to the people

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 mother cares for her 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 sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant continues

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 St. John and 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

The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Sung three times



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

The Celebrant says

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.

The Communion of the People

During our time in Alfriend Hall, Communion will be served at standing stations. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your row to rise and join the center aisle to come forward.



2 Receive the Bread.

There is no Communion rail in Alfriend Hall. Instead, the priest will stand in front of the altar to give you the Bread. Extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



3 Receive the Wine.

After receiving the Bread, turn toward the side where you are seated. A Eucharistic Minister will offer you the Wine. You may either sip directly from the chalice or allow the minister to dip the Bread and return it to you.

4 Return to your seat.

Make your way back to your seat, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive Communion for any reason, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymns 325 – Let us break bread together
315 – Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
623 – O what their joy and glory must be

The Postcommunion Prayer *from Enriching Our Worship*

After all have received Communion, all stand as they are able, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with 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.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

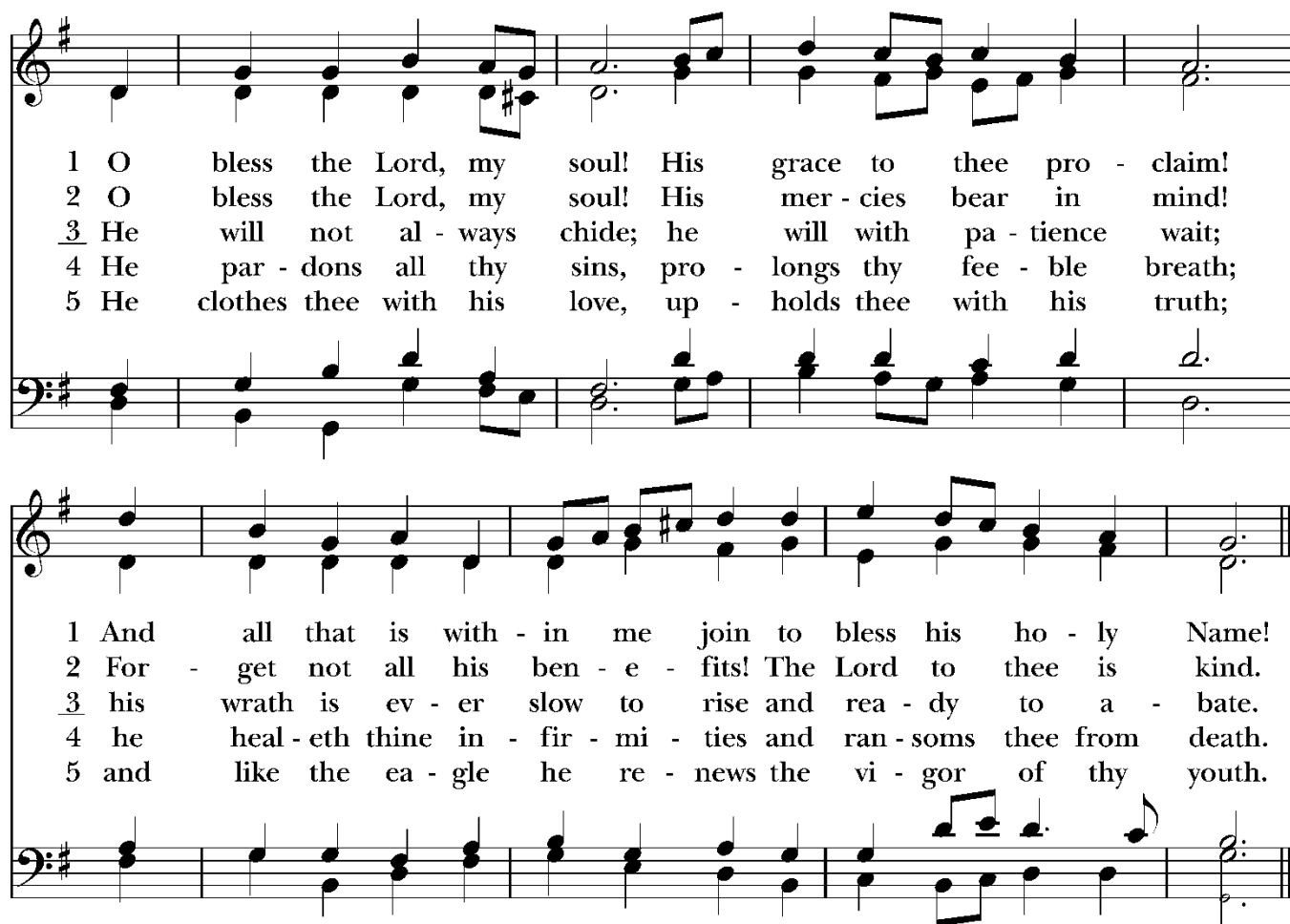
Celebrant *N.*, we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to *N.* bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

The Priest may bless the people.

Closing Procession



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary.....Improvisation on *St. Thomas*



St. John's Chimes

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | August 24, 2025

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers:

Diana Daktere, Paul Sawyer, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Elizabeth, Taylor, Celine,
Bob & family, Dave, Gerry Lemons, William Irvine

The Departed:

Wayne King, Jane Turner, Jamie Goodson

Our Clergy:

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector;
The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian

TODAY

Sunday School Open House - 8/24

Let's kick off a new year of faith and fellowship for all ages at our Sunday School Open House today at 11:30 AM. Meet our wonderful teachers, explore classrooms, and get a sneak peek at the exciting programs ahead. Children and parents can head to the Children's Sunday School rooms upstairs, youth and parents head downstairs to the Youth Room, and adults to Killeen Hall.

Sunday School begins on Sept. 7 for children and youth, and Sept. 14 for adults. Check out the full list of Sunday and weekly formation offerings on our website below.

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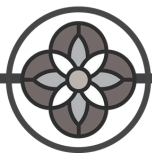
Pastoral Care Person of the Day

Today's Pastoral Care Person of the Day:
10 AM: Sallie Harrington, Nursery

Contact us: pastoralcare@saint-john.org or
call (850) 222-2636 ext. 33

SAVE THE DATE

TUE 9/3	Kearney Center Donations Due saint-john.org/kearneysupplies25	
SUN 9/7	Sung Compline Begins 7:30 PM	
FRI 9/19	SALT Luncheon: FSU's Sod Cemetery 10:30 AM Killeen Hall saint-john.org/saltsept2025	
TUE 9-23	Reception Committee's Annual Meeting & Reception 5:30 PM Killeen Hall saint-john.org/receptions2025	
SUN 10/5	Blessing of the Animals 4 PM Eve's Garden	



Highlights

YOUTH

Acolyte Training (Grades 5-12)

Students in grades 5–12 are invited to be part of the Acolyte Ministry at St. John's—a fun and meaningful way to serve in worship and grow as one of our youngest leaders. New or returning, you're welcome at our training session on today at 12 PM in the church. Learn to carry torches, lead processions, and serve as Torchbearers, Banner Bearers, or Crucifers—guided by experienced acolytes. Lunch is provided!



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St. John's
Lively Café
WEEKLY CAFE MENU
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MARKET UNDER THE STARS

This fall, on Saturday, November 22, 6-9 PM, we will gather for "MARKET UNDER THE STARS," a festive celebration in Eve's Garden and Alfriend Hall. With string lights twinkling overhead, experience the sounds of light jazz and laughter, and the joy of holiday shopping with purpose. This one-night-only event will blend the most meaningful elements of our historic St. John's Market with the warmth of fellowship and the spirit of giving.

With our traditional holiday bazaar on hiatus this year, "MARKET UNDER THE STARS" offers a joyful and meaningful alternative—a chance to come together to support outreach ministries and honor the legacy of generosity that has defined St. John's for generations.

In addition to Chef Fran's delicious hors d'oeuvres and festive music, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a silent auction, and Market favorites, such as:

- Handmade Gifts & Jewelry
- Holiday Centerpieces & Arrangements
- Sauces, Jams, & Jellies
- Homemade Chili & Cornbread To Go
- Sweet Treats, Cakes & Pies

Tickets cost \$40 in advance and \$50 after November 16. Your \$40 ticket reflects the real cost of the event and the outreach it supports. Feeling generous? Feel free to give more in the donation box provided! If \$40 is a stretch for you, we invite you to contact a member of the clergy in confidence. We want every St. John's parishioner to be part of this joyful evening.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11:30 AM Sunday School Open House 12 PM Acolyte Training	7 PM Centering Prayer	11:30 AM The Knitters	12:10 PM Healing Service	12 PM The Good Book	12 PM Friday Book Study	

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This grid highlights some of the ways to get involved in life at St. John's. For event details, and weekly worship times, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit saint-john.org/events

