

13th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 7 September 2025

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

VoluntaryVepres du Commun, Antiphon III
Marcel Dupré

Not here for high and holy things *(Stand)* **Hymn 9**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *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.*

Song of Praise Hymn S 236

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as
you always resist the proud who confide in their own
strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of
your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord
commanded him, “See, I have set before you today life and
prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments
of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by
loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing
his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall
live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless
you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your
heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow
down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that
you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are
crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and
earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life
and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and
your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying
him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and
length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord
swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob.” *[Deuteronomy 30:15-20]*

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

Psalm 1 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Gerre Hancock*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand
upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from the letter to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our
sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your
house: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith
toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do
for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you
on the basis of love- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now
also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my
child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is
indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is,
my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so
that he might be of service to me in your place during my
imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing
without your consent, in order that your good deed might be
voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason
he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have
him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a
beloved brother- especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you
would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes
you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing
this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your
owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this
benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.
Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that
you will do even more than I say. *[Philemon 1-21]*

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

God is love and where true love is *(Stand)***Hymn 577**

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned
and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate
father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes,
and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not
carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which
of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and
estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to
finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This
fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king,

going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” [Luke 14:25-33]

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

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader	Christ, in your mercy,
People	refresh our hearts.

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) BCP 360

The Collect for the Diocese (Remain kneeling)

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OffertoryAin’a that Good News!
arr. William Dawson

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 397, v.3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all) Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all).....Hymn S 154

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns.....339, 603, 472

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

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

Praise to the living God! (Stand) Hymn 372

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Litanies
Jehan Alain

Tower Bells

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

7:30 p.m.....Sung ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer

5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Gerry Lemons, Taylor, William Irvine, Tayna Lemons, Hawthorne Ramsey, Benjamin Kelley, Donna Phelps, Ginny Smoller, Richard

The Departed: Jane Turner, Jamie Goodson, Bowen Neale, Paul Sawyer

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