

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 14 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**

**Voluntary ..... Plein Jeu**  
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Stand)..... Hymn 410**

*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*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things  
direct and rule our hearts; 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 Exodus**

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people,  
whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted

perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that  
I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a  
calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These  
are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of  
Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how  
stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may  
burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I  
will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord,  
why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you  
brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a  
mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil  
intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains,  
and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from  
your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster  
on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your  
servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to  
them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,  
and all this land that I have promised I will give to your  
descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord  
changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring  
on his people.

*[Exodus 32:7-14]*

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

**Psalm 51:1-11** *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by C.V. Stanford*

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**A Reading from the first letter to Timothy**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has  
strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed  
me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a  
persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because  
I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord  
overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ  
Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that  
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners- of whom I am  
the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that  
in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost  
patience, making me an example to those who would come to  
believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal,  
invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.  
Amen. *[1 Timothy 1:12-17]*

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

**There's a wideness in God's mercy (Stand)..... Hymn 469**

**The Gospel**

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen  
to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and  
saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a  
hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the  
ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost  
until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his  
shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls  
together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice  
with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell  
you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who  
repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no  
repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of  
them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search  
carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls  
together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me,  
for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you,  
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner  
who repents.” *[Luke 15:1-10]*

*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 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
People and renew a right spirit within me.

The Collect for the Diocese (Remain kneeling)

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) ..... BCP 360

Daughters of the King Service of Admission

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*My shepherd will supply my need*  
Virgil Thompson

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..... 706, 333, 334

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

Lift high the cross (Stand) .....Hymn 473

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary..... Improvisation on Theme by Escaich

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Rob, Lesley, and Grace Proctor in thanksgiving for William Eppes Proctor;  
by Chollet Ramsey in thanksgiving for my sisters of the heart and their friendship for over 50 years;  
and by the Saint John's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King in honor of their new inductees: Wendy Ernst, Helen Haines, Nylene Robertson, Wanda Rogony, Barbara Sepielli, Susan Walton, Tracy Wade and Felita McNeill.

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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 Compline .....Sanctuary

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, Hawthorne Ramsey, Benjamin Kelley, Donna Phelps, Ginny Smoller, Richard, Elizabeth, Arthur Ozolins, Linda, Bets, Bob, David Watson

The Departed: Bowen Neale, Paul Sawyer

Special Prayer: Tyree Jordan attending Happening as an adult candidate

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