



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST:
TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

May 31, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! Summer has arrived, schedules shift, suitcases come out, and many of us are preparing for vacations, family visits, camps, and time away. Summer often feels a little slower, a little lighter—and for many, it offers a chance to rest and be renewed.

As you travel this season, I want to offer a gentle reminder: wherever your summer takes you, there is very likely an Episcopal church nearby, and on Sunday, you ought to be there! One of my favorite things each year is seeing parishioners return home with bulletins from churches they visited while away. Wherever we go, we remain connected to the body of Christ and get to worship our Lord in Church.

If you are visiting St. John's while spending time in Tampa, we are especially glad you are here. Please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or parishioners. We would be honored to welcome you personally. And if you live in the Tampa area and are searching for a church home, I hope you will consider making St. John's your parish family.

The Church has long understood seasons of rest not as stepping away from God, but as opportunities to notice Him more clearly—in creation, in quiet moments, in family gatherings, and in worship. Summer can be a season of renewal, gratitude, and deeper faith.

School may be out for the summer, routines may change, and travel plans may fill the calendar—but thanks be to God, the Church remains open, dedicated, and ready to welcome you home each week.

I am glad you are here.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christian Wood Rector

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "The Rev. Christian M. Wood" with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Pastorale Trio*
The people stand as the Ministers enter

Barry Ferguson

Processional Hymn 423

St. Denio

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And bless - ed be his king - dom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-236

John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for

seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day. And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested

from all his work which he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Psalm 8 *Sung by the choir*

Henry Lawes

*O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; **

thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

*Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies; **

that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

*When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; **

the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

*What is man, that thou art mindful of him? **

and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

*Thou madest him lower than the angels, **

to crown him with glory and worship.

*Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; **

and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

*All sheep and oxen; **

yea, and the beasts of the field;

*The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; **

and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

*O LORD our Governor, **

how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

All elementary-aged students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

SEQUENCE HYMN Firmly I believe and truly *Seminary Hymn (Nashotah House)*



1 Firm - ly I be - lieve and tru - ly
2 And I trust and hope most ful - ly
3 Simp - ly to His grace and whol - ly
4 And I hold in ven - er - a - tion,
5 A - do - ra - tion ay be gi - ven,



God is three, and God is One; And I next ac -
In that Man - hood cru - ci - fied; And each thought and
Light and life and strength be - long, And I love, sup -
For the love of Him a - lone, Ho - ly Church, as
with and through the an - gel - ic host, to the God of



know - ledge du - ly Man - hood ta - ken by the Son.
deed un - ru - ly Do to death, as He has died.
reme - ly, sole - ly, Him the ho - ly, Him the strong.
His cre - a - tion, And her teach - ings as His own.
earth and hea - ven, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Refrain



Sanc - tus for - tis, Sanc - tus De - us, De pro - fun - dis o - ro te,



Mi - se - re - re Ju - dex me - us, Par - ce mi - hi, Do - mi - ne.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mother Caroline F. Devitt

All stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and people

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 (*Form III*)

The people kneel

The Leader and people pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Additional petitions may be added here

The Celebrant adds this concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

All 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people sit for the announcements

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Listen, Sweet Dove — Grayston Ives

Listen sweet dove unto my song And spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching my tender heart so long Till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow That the earth did like a heaven appear, The starres were coming down to know If they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, Hung down his head and wisht for night When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change thou art the same, The same sweet God of love and light; Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

The people stand

Doxology 380 *Stanza 3*

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

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 and Benedictus S-130

Franz Schubert

**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.

The people kneel

Celebrant

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:

Celebrant and people

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and people

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-164

Franz Schubert

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Motet

Come, Holy Ghost — Thomas Attwood

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart: Thy blessed unction from above Is comfort, life and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight: Anoint and cheer our soiled face With the abundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, And Thee, of Both, to be but One; That through the ages all along This may be our endless song, Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymn 362

Nicaea

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel

Celebrant and 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

The Celebrant gives the Blessing
People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon gives the Dismissal
People Thanks be to God.
The people stand

Processional Hymn 368

VOLUNTARY *Imperial March*

Regent Square
Sir Edward Elgar

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

All bishops and other ministers: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish

Those who govern: Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota

Our Companion Dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Also remembering in prayer: Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land

Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families: Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, Tyler (Libya) and Brandon

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

May 31: Lelia Clewis, David Seider

June 1: Richard Mockler

June 2: Bette Crowder, Stephanie Simon

June 3: Bonnie Edgar, Jan Williams

June 4: Daniel Stillie, Suzanne Arthur, Melissa Weekley, Avery Pento, Nathan Pento, Paisley Smith, Ellery Linder

June 5: Pat Martin, John McAdams, Laura Silva, Virginia Eversole, Victoria Angiulli, Logan Scott, Catherine Lacy

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family, and her medical team; Jayce Hicks, Richard, Michael Wood, Tor, Collin, Sam, Lee, David, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Carey, Scott, Jack, Miriam, Suzanne, Minnie, Will, Armando, Berta, Mary, Susan, Ellie, Patrick, Ann, Gwen, Helen, David W. Reffue, Melinda, Sunny, Davis, Damian, Dave, Charlotte, Alexis, Amy, Cole, Sue, Peyton, Lee, Holly, Stephanie, Brandon, Halley, Lisa, Anne, Diana, Christopher, Carmen, the Dickinson/French family, Harry, Jill, John, Ava, Charley, Barbara, Jim, Jack, Ted and all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Jamie Hall

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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