



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

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

September 6, 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

Happy new academic year!

Here we go again! The summer has flown by, the children are back in school, the halls and classrooms are buzzing, and the life of this wonderful parish is once again in full swing. Our Choir is back from its summer respite, and we are ready for another year of proclaiming the Gospel and making Jesus Christ known, worshipped, and adored here in Tampa!

Children's Chapel is back on Sunday mornings, and we are looking forward to another fantastic year of growing together in faith. We also have some wonderful once-per-month Wednesday evening activities planned for our whole community. I have a feeling this may be one of the most fun years we have ever had at Saint John's! Sunday School will be available starting in September for all school-aged children, and we ask that our children receive Holy Communion before heading to Sunday School.

There is always a place for you here at Saint John's. Whether you have been coming for years or this is your very first visit, we want you to know how grateful we are to have you here. We especially love welcoming visitors and new members into the life of this parish. If you are looking for a church home, look no further—you have found it! Please stop by the welcome table in the courtyard and introduce yourself. We would love the opportunity to meet you, get to know you, and welcome you into the Saint John's family.

We pray that everyone who comes through these doors encounters not only a friendly face, but the love of Christ. It is our hope and our calling to be a blessing to all who worship, learn, serve, and fellowship here. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we welcome one another and invite others into the joy of life in Christ.

Above all, we must always remember where the glory belongs. This is God's church, and all that we do is ultimately for His glory. So, as we begin another academic year, let us do so with grateful hearts, joyful spirits, and great expectation for what God has in store for Saint John's.

Thanks be to God, and God bless us all!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "The Rev. Christian M. Wood", enclosed in a yellow rectangular border.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Petit Prelude*
The people stand as the Ministers enter

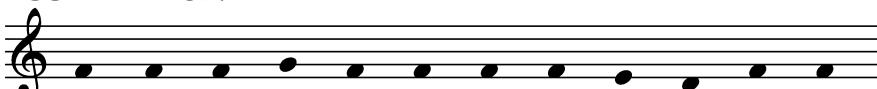
Joseph Jongen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 518

Westminster Abbey

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.

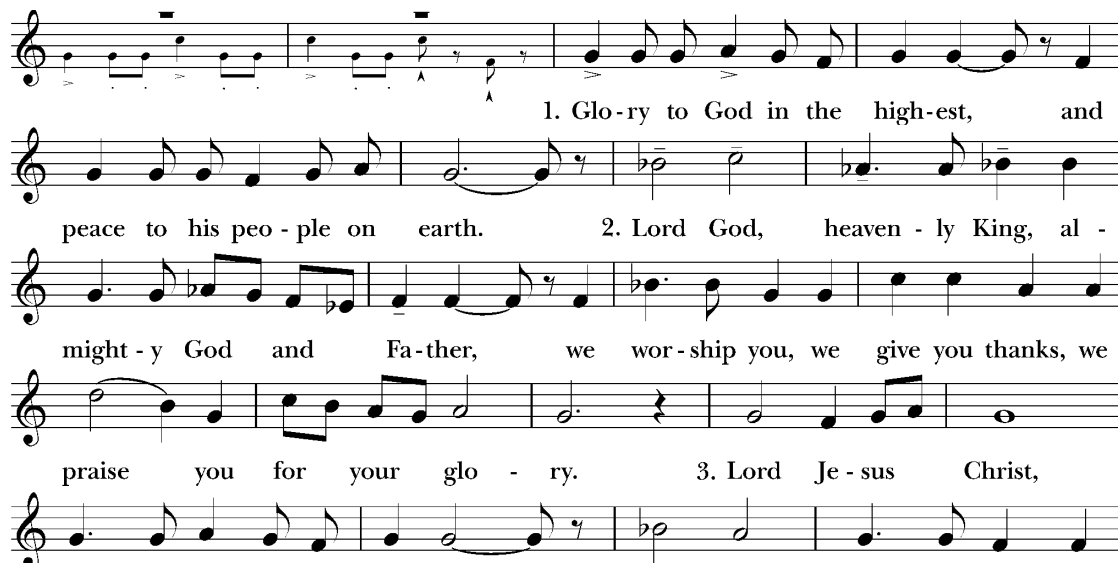
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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-278

William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life. “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Psalm 119:33-40 *Sung by the choir*

John Jones

*Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

*Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.*

*Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein is my desire.*

*Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.*

*O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.*

*O stablish thy word in thy servant,
that I may fear thee.*

*Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of;
for thy judgments are good.*

*Behold, my delight is in thy commandments;
O quicken me in thy righteousness.*

*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

Romans 13:8-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 672

Bangor

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

Give almes of thy goods — Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man, and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. 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-128

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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-165

William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love – Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

COMMUNION HYMN 331

Grafton

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 174

Salzburg

VOLUNTARY *Tuba Tune*

C.S. Lang

The Organ Voluntary is an integral part of the service. Please leave the church quietly out of respect for those people who choose to stay to listen.

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. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. David's, Englewood; Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. James', Port Charlotte; Good Shepherd, Venice, and St. Mark's, Venice

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

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:

September 6: Cynthia Harper, Bill Lax, Stephen French, Morgan Capen, Jessie Reffue

September 7: Ann Eatman, Lynn Stanford, Laine Walker, Roger Kurz, Steve Horan, Paige Rodriguez, Austin Blewitt

September 8: Steve Stanford, Clay Walker, Jim Gates, Anne Compton, Sam Lejkowski, Jackson Smith, Nick Agrawal

September 9: Peyton Foley, Colby Way, Pam Heller, Mike Shepard, Mason Cruse, Traver Smith

September 10: Fr. Donald Goodheart, Luke Hunter, Fr. Christian Wood, Cora Gargagliano, Samantha Walker

September 11: Mimi Leroy-Marler, Charlie Williams, Charley Griffin, Amylynn Seider

September 12: Scott Lowke, Rob Norton, Jill Wankelman, Elizabeth Pento, Patrick Whittlesey, Charlene Whittlesey, Olivia Hasselbach, Meaghan Conlee, Laura White

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

Jackie and family; Jeff, Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family, and her medical team; Jayce, Michael, Maureen, Ken, Richard, Will, Tor, Ron, Scott, Sam, Collin, Lee, David, Jack, Jim, Katy, Minnie, Armando, Berta, Mary, Ellie, Sunny, Gwen, David, Melinda, Damian, Cole, Sue, Kathy, Lee, Holly, Brandon, Halley, Lisa, Christopher, Harry, Jill, John, Ava, Barbara, Jim, Burt, Steve, Douglas, Mohammad, Gabriella, Samuel, Stacey, Billy, Theodore, Curtis, Monroe, Max, Lori, Tom, Paul, Jeremiah and all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

For all the faithful departed

Patrick Dean

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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