



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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST:
INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

June 28, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "The Rev. Christian M. Wood" in a cursive script.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood
Rector

VOLUNTARY *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

All stand for the United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Henry Gritte

The people remain standing as the Ministers enter

Processional Hymn 719

Materna

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 599

Lift Every Voice

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Lector A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve him and cleave to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Psalm 145:1-8 *Sung by the choir*

William Marsh

*I will magnify thee, O God, my King; **

and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

*Every day will I give thanks unto thee; **

and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

*Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised; **

there is no end of his greatness.

*One generation shall praise thy works unto another, **

and declare thy power.

*As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, **

thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

*So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; **

and I will also tell of thy greatness.

*The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; **

and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

*The LORD is gracious and merciful; **

long-suffering, and of great goodness.

*The LORD is loving unto every man; **

and his mercy is over all his works.

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

Hebrews 11:8-16

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 717

America

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Chaplain, Colonel Émile H. Hawkins, Sr.
Wing Chaplain, MacDill Air Force Base

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

O sing joyfully — Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon; even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day. For this was made a statute for Israel; and a law of the God of Jacob.

The people stand

HYMN 720

National Anthem

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-129

Robert Powell

**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-169

Ray Urwin

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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 568

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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 226 (LEVAS)

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

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lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

VOLUNTARY *Fughetta, Allegro assai (from Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner)* Dudley Buck

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: School for Ministry, St. Anselm's Chapel, University of South Florida Chapel Center, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, Episcopal College Chaplaincies: College of Florida Chaplaincy, Bradenton

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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), Brandon and Cary

Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:

June 28: Ashtan Shelton, Chris Howell, Rusty Isaacs, Greg Pickette, Jane Lacy

June 30: Colin Campbell, Allison Burden, Ryan Killgoar, Morgan Watson

July 1: Caroline Campbell, Jive Kerby

July 2: Joe Arcuri, Lee Ford

July 3: Susie Sanders, Alison Arnold

July 4: Kaylin Steyn

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, Cary, Burt, Noah, and all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**Please note that due to advance bulletin preparation this week, the prayer list may not reflect the most recent updates.*

For all the faithful departed

Tamsen Williams
Ted Veggeburg
Kai Hedges

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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