



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — August 2, 2026

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

FOR FAMILIES

Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to fully take part in all aspects of the service. Children's packets may be found in the narthex (lobby), children's Bibles are in the pews, and nursery care for children birth – age 2 is available next door in the administration building. Also available is a Church Family Room just off the narthex with comfortable furniture, toys, and a screen to view the service.

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 – Year A

PRELUDE Voluntary in D minor, No. 19

John Stanley (1712-1786)

THE WORD OF GOD

Today, we will use *The Hymnal 1982* found in the pew backs. Please refer to the hymn number printed in the service booklet. We encourage you to sing harmony on the inner verses if so desired.

Congregation stands

HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.*

THE GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell



Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025). rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Epistle

Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Exaudi, Domine

¹ Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
 give heed to my cry;
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² *Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.*

³ Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ *I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
 I have heeded the words of your lips.*

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

⁶ *I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.*

⁷ Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.

¹⁶ *But at my vindication I shall see your face;
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
 your likeness.*

At this time in the 9:00 a.m. service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join The Bridge Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students rejoin this service at the Peace.

Congregation stands.

Hymn 467 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*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 VI revised*

BCP 392

Celebrant: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Congregation kneels. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, may your love point all people to the cross and our reconciliation with the Father; may your Spirit fill us and guide our steps in ministry; and may your light shine forth in our generation through your Church of St. John the Divine as we commit ourselves wholly to you.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*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.*

THE PEACE *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✘ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✘ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Solo Ich folge dir *from St. John Passion*

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Translation

I follow you as well, with joyful steps,
and I will not leave you, my life, my light.
Urge me onward in my course, and never cease
drawing me, guiding me, and encouraging me.

Natalia Leslie, soprano

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) *Congregation stands.*

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. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our
Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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

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Congregation kneels.

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.*

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

People and Celebrant:

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- ✠ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✠ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✠ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✠ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✠ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 366 Holy God, we praise thy Name (vs. 1-4)

Grosser Gott

Hymn 383 Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

HYMN 657 Love Divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur

William Faulkes (1863-1933)

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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During the midsummer weeks, while the full choir is on break, we are pleased to feature several of our talented singers at the Offertory.

Today, we welcome soprano Natalia Leslie, who offers *Ich folge dir* from J. S. Bach's *St. John Passion*. The *St. John Passion* is the earliest of Bach's surviving Passion settings. Composed during his first year as Director of Church Music in Leipzig, it was first performed at Good Friday Vespers in 1724 at St. Nicholas Church. In the context of the Passion, *Ich folge dir* ("I follow you") expresses the believer's joyful and eager willingness to follow Christ.

Natalia has just completed her first season with the SJD Chorale. She is pursuing a Master of Music in Vocal Performance and Vocal Pedagogy, as well as a Master of Arts in Arts Leadership, at the University of Houston. Her artistic interests span the standard operatic repertoire and contemporary music. She recently made her role debut as the Königin der Nacht (Queen of the Night) and has appeared in numerous world premieres of art songs, chamber works, and operas. A passionate advocate for new music, she looks forward to performing with the AURA Contemporary Ensemble during its 2026–2027 season.

We also welcome organist Robert Brewer, who is leading our worship this morning while Steve Newberry is on vacation. "Bob" is well known throughout the Houston musical community, having served for many years as Director of Music and Organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where he built and nurtured a nationally respected choral program. Anglican in style, his choirs completed several English cathedral residencies during his tenure. Bob is also a renowned vocal coach across the country. We are grateful to Bob for sharing his gifts with us this morning.



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