



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — August 16, 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!

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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 church altar flowers are given to the glory of God and In celebration of the marriage of Abigail Choate and Joel Gassiott. To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or honor of someone, scan the QR code, visit sjd.org/flowers, or contact Carolyn Baker at 713.354.2239 or cbaker@sjd.org.

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 – Year A

PRELUDE Melody

York Bowen (1884-1961)

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 475



1 God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with - in us; souls in si - lence
soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur - rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful
light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der flow - ers ea - ger - ly un -
be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - a - ry. Come, in - dwell - ing Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring



fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near him. Now his own
trea - sures, pride of life, and sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone
fold them, to the sun - light calm - ly hold them, so let me
splen - dor; love and hon - or will I ren - der. Where I go



who have known God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
shalt be known Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
qui - et - ly in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
here be - low, let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); Music: Tysk from *Psalm and Choralbuch* (1719)

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.*

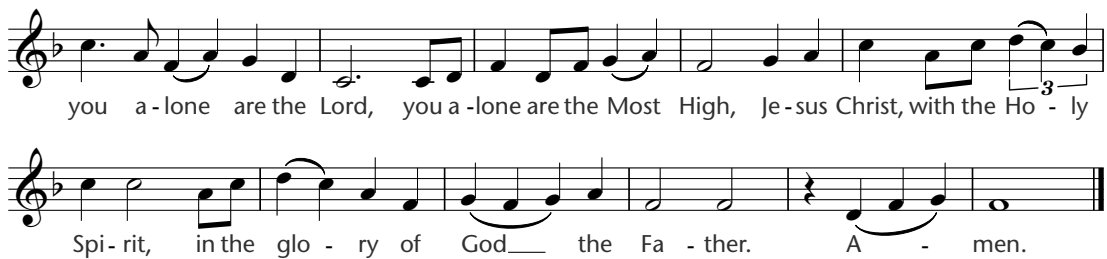
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace_ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty-y_ God and
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,



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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 (read responsively by whole verse)

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 *It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,*
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 *It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.*
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

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 538

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend bove, un - to earth's re - mot - est and end.
one in joy, and light, and love.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948).

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Louise Samuelson

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: Awaken our hearts, O Lord, to love what you love. Awaken our minds, O Lord, to think with the mind of Christ. Awaken our souls, O Lord, to walk faithfully with your Spirit. Awaken your Church, O Lord, to renewal and revival as we gather in Christ, grow as disciples, and go bearing the Gospel as a light for the city. *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

Anthem

Simon Lole *b. 1957*

Jesu, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest Name,
O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,

to those who fall, how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

Text: 12th cent. Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (altered) 1814-1878

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 S 125

Richard Proulx

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;

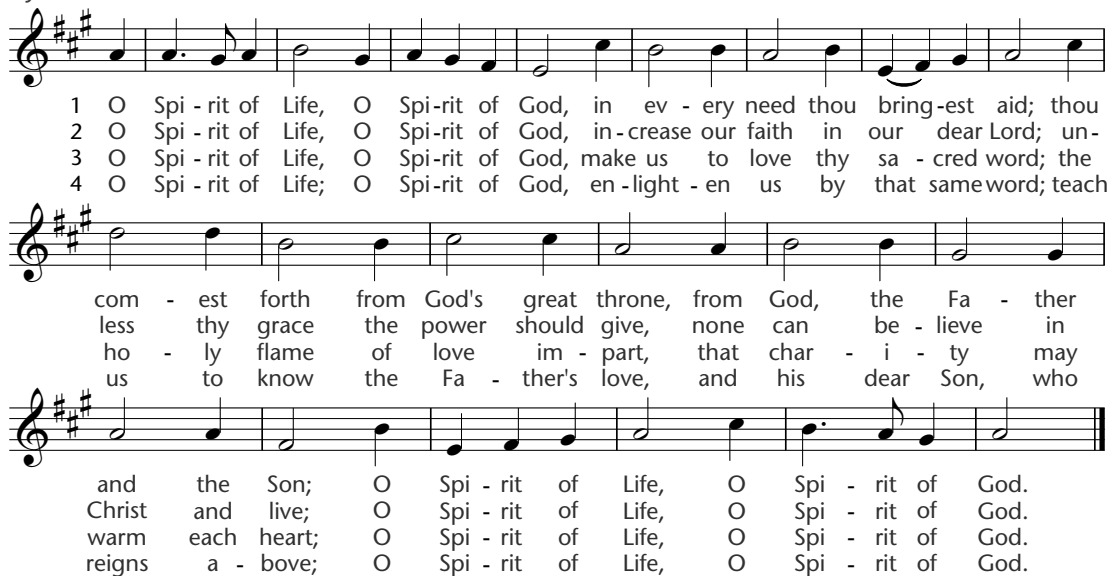
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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 505



1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi-rit of God, in ev - ery need thou bring-est aid; thou
 2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi-rit of God, in - crease our faith in our dear Lord; un -
 3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi-rit of God, make us to love thy sa - cred word; the
 4 O Spi - rit of Life; O Spi-rit of God, en - light - en us by that same word; teach

com - est forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther
 less thy grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in
 ho - ly flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may
 us to know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who

and the Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 Christ and live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 warm each heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 reigns a - bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

Words: Johann Niedling (1602-1668); Music: *O heiliger Geist*, melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesang* (1623).

Hymn 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

- a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille" (1529).

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 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made,
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns:
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

doth his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 and prais - es thron - to crown his head;
 dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch_ from_ shore_ to shore,
 his Name like sweet_ fume_ shall_ rise
 and in - fant voic - es - shall_ pro - claim
 the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 an - gels de - scend_ with songs_ a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b.1945)

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Today, an ensemble from the SJD Chorale leads our musical worship. We are deeply grateful to the talented soloists who have inspired us over the past six Sundays. The full Choir of St. John the Divine returns next Sunday for Rally Day as we begin our fall season.

The devotional 12th-century Latin hymn *Jesu, dulcis memoria* has been sung widely through the centuries, both in its original Latin and in the beloved 19th-century English translation, *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*. A setting of this hymn may be found as Hymn 642 in *The Hymnal 1982*. At the Offertory, the Chorale Ensemble sings a contemporary setting by British composer, Simon Lole.

A lifelong church musician, Simon has served in several prominent positions, including Director of Music at Sheffield Cathedral and later at Salisbury Cathedral. He currently serves as Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, and is highly regarded as an arranger and composer. He also produces music for the BBC, where he is a frequent musical director and organist.



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