



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — July 12, 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 – Year A

PRELUDE Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1701

THE WORD OF GOD

Today and for the next several weeks 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 48 O day of radiant gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

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 - might - 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,

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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:105-112 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Lucerna pedibus meis

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ *I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.*

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ *Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.*

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

110 *The wicked have set a trap for me
 but I have not strayed from your commandments.*

111 *Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
 truly, they are the joy of my heart.*

112 *I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
 for ever and to the end.*

*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 will rejoin this service at the Peace.*

Congregation stands.

Hymn 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Jackson LaRue, Summer Seminarian (9:00am)

Allie LaRue, Summer Seminarian (11:15am)

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

Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun
In their heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be forever lasting.
And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Text: Matthew 13:43 and Isaiah 51:11
Amaan Atkins, soloist

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:

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 325 Let us break bread together on our knees

Let Us Break Bread

Hymn It is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought My sin not in
4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled



sea - bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" it is well with my soul.

It is well _____ with my soul _____

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888); Music: *Ville du Havre*, Philip Bliss (1838-1976).

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 525 The Church's one foundation (vs. 1,2,5)

Aurelia

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE The Heavens Declare the Glory of the Lord

Benedetto Marcello 1686-1739

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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During the mid-summer weeks, we feature several of our talented singers at the Offertory while the full choir is on break. Today, we welcome Houston-based tenor Amaan Atkins. A native of Atlanta, Amaan is a proud graduate of the University of Houston and has sung with the SJD Chorale for the past three seasons. He loves the church community and considers SJD his church home and is especially grateful for the way the congregation has embraced him as family.

Outside of church, Amaan enjoys singing in a wide range of musical styles, including opera, musical theatre, and pop.

At the Offertory, Amaan sings “Then shall the righteous,” an aria from Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*. It appears near the conclusion of the oratorio, after the dramatic events of Elijah’s earthly ministry—his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, persecution, despair in the wilderness, and his ascent into heaven in a fiery chariot. The final portion of the work shifts from recounting Elijah’s life to reflecting on its spiritual meaning and looking ahead to redemption and God’s ultimate victory.

“Then shall the righteous shine forth” offers a vision of the reward awaiting the faithful in God’s kingdom. Immediately afterward, the oratorio moves toward its triumphant conclusion with prophecies of salvation and the coming of the Messiah, ending not in struggle but in hope and glory.



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