



## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine  
9:00 am and 11:15 am — July 26, 2026



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## WELCOME

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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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12 – Year A

## PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

Today and next week, 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 594 God of grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

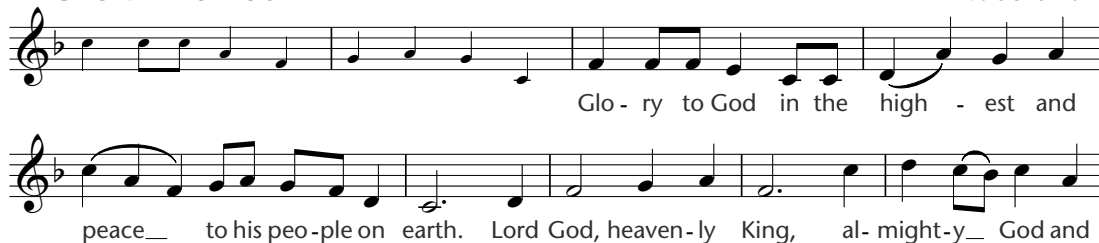
*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *(read responsively by whole verse)*

*Confitemini Domino*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> *Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvelous works.*

3       Glory in his holy Name;  
          let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4       *Search for the LORD and his strength;  
          continually seek his face.*

5       Remember the marvels he has done,  
          his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6       *O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
          O children of Jacob his chosen.*

7       He is the LORD our God;  
          his judgments prevail in all the world.

8       *He has always been mindful of his covenant,  
          the promise he made for a thousand generations:*

9       The covenant he made with Abraham,  
          the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10       *Which he established as a statute for Jacob,  
          an everlasting covenant for Israel,*

11       Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan  
          to be your allotted inheritance.”

45b       *Hallelujah!*

*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 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

Melissa Robertson, Summer Seminarian (9:00 a.m.)

Matthew Lewis, Summer Seminarian (11:15 a.m.)

## 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

Duet Laudamus te

Antonio Vivaldi 1678-1741

*Translation*

We praise thee. We bless thee.  
We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Text: from the *Gloria in excelsis*, BCP 324

*Blair McLaughlin, soprano*

*Emily Perry, 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.

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:

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 654 Day by day

*Sumner*

Hymn 671 Amazing grace

*New Britain*

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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing .

*Sicilian Mariners*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE Vocale No. 12

Connor Chee b. 1987

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## TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

Keep in touch with SJD Music at our blog:  
[sjdmusic.wordpress.com](http://sjdmusic.wordpress.com).

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 sopranos Emily Perry and Blair McLaughlin.

Emily is a graduate of Baylor University and South Dakota State University, where she earned degrees in Vocal Performance and Music Education. Originally from Brookings, South Dakota, she now resides in Houston. Over the past year, Emily has sung with several of Houston's premier professional ensembles, including the Houston Chamber Choir, Cor Mundi Chamber Choir, Bach Choir of Houston, Harmonia Stellarum, and the VOCES8 U.S. Scholars. She recently completed her first season with the SJD Chorale and serves as an administrative assistant in the Music and Worship Office.

Blair McLaughlin has served as a section leader at The Church of St. John the Divine for several seasons, bringing extensive experience in ensemble performance and solo sacred music to the church's liturgical ministry. In addition to her work at SJD, she is a member of the award-winning Houston Grand Opera Chorus and supports the next generation of classical musicians through her administrative role at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music.

The Italian Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi wrote at least three settings of the *Gloria in excelsis*, the canticle we sing each Sunday following the Collect for Purity. This morning, Blair and Emily offer the joyful duet *Laudamus te* from Vivaldi's best-known *Gloria* (RV 589), one of the composer's most beloved sacred works.

As our magnificent pipe organ has been offline this past week while receiving a major upgrade to its operating system—the "brain" of the instrument—we are especially grateful to welcome pianist Dr. Hayden Coie and violinist Hae-a Lee, who are leading our worship this morning. Hayden served for two years as administrative assistant for Music and Worship and also assisted Anna Teagarden with the chorister program. Hae-a is a core member of the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra and is a frequent musician for weddings and other services at SJD.





## CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. R. Leigh Spruill, *Rector*  
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