

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

> The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator

Serving Today: Guest Organist – Danny Jack Cantor – Doug Rogez Greeters / Oblationers – Babette Patton and Sir Patton Lectors / Chalice Bearers –Angela Hooper, Pat Greaves and Julie Grissom Acolytes – Sir Patton and Latoya Burris Children's Activities – Volunteer

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Rite I – Holy Eucharist – July 16, 2023 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #48



CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Christ have mercy upon us. (3X) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us pray.

The Hymnal, S204

Collect of the Day

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.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112 (*The people say together*)

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.

Lucerna pedibus meis

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.

The Second Lesson

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For 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 to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For 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. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

530 The Church's Mission Spread, O spread, thou might - y spread the king - dom of the Lord, word. 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still; 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move; Je - sus' name; 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring-ing peace in na - tions long, 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the ful sound: may heed the 1 that to earth's re mot - est bound all iov save; from sin earth and death 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, to through his death the world is freed; 3 how for - ev - er, in its need. his nev - er fail - ing love guides on to heaven a bove. 4 how us spread a - broad, un all the world a wakes to light. til from night 5 Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: Gott sei Dank, melody from Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870) 77 77

Romans 8:1-11

The Hymnal, #530

PeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 of God, Light of 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; The Rev William Font BCP 327 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered 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 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 I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

<i>Please stand</i> Celebrant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.	
Announcements		

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

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Celebrant: People:	All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.	
Offertory	Danny Jack	Organ Solo
Doxology		The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer I		
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And with thy spirit.	
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.	
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.	
People	It is meet and right so to do.	

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Hymnal, #S114

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:Heaven and earth are full of your glory.Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #323



Music: Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt, melody Paul Heinlein (1626-1686); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 77. 77. 77

Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

The Hymnal, #392

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

2 Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. [Refrain]

3 The heirs of grace have found glory begun below; celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow. [Refrain]

4 Then let our song abound and let our tears be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER REQUESTS Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Hani Baradi, MD Bob Beverly Bradley Braiden Corbin Brown Lewis Honor Carr Stephanie Dunham Ed Sharon Ellington Joyce Ezell Jim Freeman Tom Freeman Myrna Gowman John Greiner Steve Hammontree Jean Inge Judd

Sarah Kramer Jean Ledet & Chad Dixon Kara Lynn Tony Marruchella Leland Mayo Betty & Delbert Millican and Ryan Lightfoot Trish Morgan Paul Mosier David Nelson Joy Nelson The Nichols Family Pam Babette Patton Patty Monte Pratt

Mathew Reynolds Kathleen Rhodes Rob, Ruthie and Samuel Adrienne Robertson **Betty Sinclair** Family of Kenneth Sosna John Steward and Lee DeWitt Martha Steward Nancy Steward Ed Tebow **Donna Walters** Sarah Tracy Mary Jo Watson Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

Today's flowers are given by Nancy Jones in gratitude for family and friends.

We need flower donations for July 23 and 30, August 6, 20 and 27!

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office. Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

21 – Martha Brown

Announcements

Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 pm – Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel

Saturday, July 22, 2:00 pm – Funeral and Internment of Rosemary Boeckman

Saturday, July 22, 5:30 pm – Feast of Mary Magdalene in the Mary Chapel

Please Welcome Back Organist Danny Jack to St. John's while Cynthia travels. Danny will be with us next week (July 23) as well. Thank you, Danny, for bringing us beautiful music these two weeks.

Throughout the month of July, St. John's will be collecting items for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled. The OKFD is a not-for-profit social services organization established in 1960 that provides high-quality and activity-oriented adult day health services for adults with specialized developmental needs in central Oklahoma. They collect used items for resale at their thrift store. Items include clothing, appliances, furniture, household items, etc. If you need assistance bringing your items from home to St. John's, please contact Deacon Lisa.

As we prepare for our 7th trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October, we thought it might be fun to revisit the one we attended four years ago, the last one before Covid shut everything down! Check out the short blurb and photos of the 2019 festival. **And, by the way, we are still accepting donations towards our minimum goal of \$6,000 for the trip.** Find envelopes in the pews and drop a donation in the plate as it is passed.

And last, but not least, we are still collecting information for our online membership directory. As we approach our photo session on Sunday, August 27, we are anxious to collect up-to-date contact information for each member and family. Please pick up a form on the table in the Narthex and fill it out as completely as you can and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the basket provided.