

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.

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> > Serving Today:

Cantor – Doug Rogez Greeters / Oblationers – Nancy Steward and Devie Maxwell Lectors / Chalice Bearers – Angela Hooper, Troy Vance and Priscilla Pierce Acolytes – Latoya Burris, Lewis Carr, Eli Mooney and Sir Patton Children's Activities – Volunteer

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year A

Rite I – Holy Eucharist – May 21, 2023 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

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The Hymnal, #214

Ascension



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 God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be **scattered**; * let those who hate him flee be**fore** him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of **God**.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before **God**; * let them also be merry and **joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the **heavens**; * YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before **him**!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of **widows**, * God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into **freedom**; * but the rebels shall live in dry **places**.

- 7 O God, when you went forth before your **people**, * when you marched through the **wilderness**,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of **Sinai**, * at the presence of God, the God of **Israel**.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their **home** in it; * in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the **poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the **earth**; * sing praises to the **Lord**.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient **heavens**; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty **voice**.
- 35 Ascribe power to **God**; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the **skies**.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy **places!** * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be **God!**

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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The Christian Life



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.
Sermon	
The Nicene Cre	ed
the only Son of eternally bega God of God, I true God from begotten, not of one being Through him For us and for he came do by the power he became and was ma For our sake he suffered On the third in accord he ascended and is sea He will come	otten of the Father, Light of Light, In true God, made, with the Father. all things were made; r our salvation own from heaven: of the Holy Spirit incarnate from the Virgin Mary, ade man; he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; and was buried. d day he rose again ance with the Scriptures;

The Reverend Nathan Carr BCP 327 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 VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

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

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you. 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

Please stand

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

Celebrant:All things come of thee, O Lord.People:And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem

Clap Yo' Hands St. John's Choir [Chorus] Clap-a yo' hands, slap-a yo' thigh Hallelujah, hallelujah! Everybody come along and join the jubilee

Clap-a yo' hands, slap-a yo' thigh Don't you lose time, don't you lose time Come along, it's shake yo' shoes time Now for you and me

On the sands of time, you are only a pebble Remember, trouble must be treated just like a rebel Send him to the Devil

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Everybody clap, slap, slap, clap, clap. Slap

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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,

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 Hymnal, #S114

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George Gershwin

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.

And now the prayer of Spiritual Communion for those who are not present:

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei

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.

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

Post Communion Prayer

The Hymnal, #456

3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

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The Hymnal, S158

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

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began, and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above; crown him the King,to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love. Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

The Hymnal, #494

PRAYER REQUESTS Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Bob **Beverly Bradley** Braiden Lewis Honor Carr Cynthia Cortright Stephanie Dunham Ed Sharon Ellington Joyce Ezell Jim Freeman Tom Freeman Myrna Gowman John Greiner Steve Hammontree Jean Inge Jessica Judd Sarah Kramer

Denvs Lenets 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 Babette Patton Patty The Pearson Family Monte Pratt

Mary Anne Reed 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** Colette Amelia Wantland McDonald Ginny Wynn



Altar Gifts

Flowers are given today by Beverly Bradley in loving memory of her parents, Martha and Jim Fisher.

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

- 23 Amanda Smith
- 23 Cathie Gauntt
- 23 Christie Chambers
- 24 Cornel Bornman

Anniversaries This Week

- 23 Darrell & Martha Smith
- 24 Bob & Ginny Wynn
- 26 Chris & Rosemary Rodgers

Announcements

"Church History – The Reformation" led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

WEEK ELEVEN (May 21) The 19th century: The Oxford Movement and the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral—

- 1. What was the Oxford Movement?
- 2. What is the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral?

Wednesday, May 24 – Evening Prayer at 5:30, Mary Chapel

Saturday, May 27 - Daughters of the King Discernment Class, Parlor

Sunday, May 28 – Day of Pentecost, Graduation Sunday. On Sunday, May 28, we will honor Thomas Howard, our one and only graduating senior. Because it is also Pentecost, please know that you can also expect that **incense will be used during the service.**

Nancy needs HELP! We want to distribute flyers about the weekly pet blessings to the neighborhood businesses, apartment complexes, dog parks, vets, groomers, etc. Please find flyers on the table in the Narthex. Some are marked with exact target locations, some just to grab and distribute in places where you do business. **Please HELP us spread the word** by taking flyers to your favorite businesses.

Online Membership Directory – who started that rumor? Well, it's true. We are developing an online directory. The directory will also be printable and will include photos. Please find an information sheet inserted here. It would be **SO helpful to gather this information** to make sure that directory information is up-to-date when we start this process. Just complete and put the form in the offertory plate or scan and email to stjohnsokc@yahoo. Watch for information about next steps in coming weeks.

Meals for the Carr family – For those of you who want to help with meals for the Carr family following Lewis' surgery, there is an easy online signup at

<u>https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=QJSJ9342&previous=1</u>. The link will be provided in the Fab Friday to make it real easy to sign up.