



# St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✝ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | MAY 31, 2026

### 8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

*Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.*

*Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.*

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the power of Jesus' Name"  
Arr. Alice Jordan

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	<b>Hymn S236</b>
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
The Psalm	Psalm 8
The Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20
The Sermon	Father Ackerman
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession & Absolution	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	<i>Inside Back Cover, BCP</i>

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	<b>Hymn 380</b>
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1	BCP 333
Sanctus	<b>Hymn S114</b>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Fraction Anthem	<b>Hymn S155</b>
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	<b>Hymn 368</b>
Dismissal	BCP 339

# 10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

"All Hail the power of Jesus' Name"

Arr. Alice Jordan

Processional Hymn

**Hymn 362**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

**Hymn S236**

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm

Psalm 8

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

**Hymn 431**

The Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The Sermon

Father Ackerman

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

*Inside Back Cover, BCP*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

**Hymn 380**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

**Hymn S128**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

**Hymn S155**

Communion Hymn 1

**Hymn 366**

Communion Hymn 2

**Hymn 48**

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

**Hymn 368**

Dismissal

BCP 366

*All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

# TODAY'S READINGS

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Psalm 8

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Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the  
heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your  
adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of  
your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in  
their courses,

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful  
of him? \*

the son of man that you should seek  
him out?

<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than  
the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of  
your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of  
the sea.

<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 AM Ann Stewart	10:30 AM: Grant Thompson, Elias Lokken
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 AM: Sarah Edman	10:30 AM: Bobby Greene
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	8:00 AM: Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Bobby Straub
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jack Hughes
<b>Media Ministry</b>	Patrick Lokken	
<b>Flower Rearranger</b>	Dodie Hall	
<b>Flower Deliverer</b>	D Hall	
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Luke Slaton	



ST. JOHN'S ULTREYA  
**CURSILLO SUNDAY**

Sunday, June 14  
10:30 am Service of  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

You are invited to experience worship,  
music, and fellowship, the Cursillo Way  
as St. John's Ultreya shares with us a day of  
Cursillo-style church.

*Celebrant*  
The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry,  
*XII Bishop of Alabama*

*Deacon*  
The Rev. Sam Burcham

*Assisting Priest*  
The Rev. Chase Ackerman

*Crucifer*  
Ezra Lokken  
Sully Nickels  
*Bishop's Chaplin*  
Sara Reed Thompson

*Torchbearers*  
Gus Greenbaum  
Piper Nickels

*Lector*  
Mike Faruqui

*Ushers*  
Alex Adams  
Nadine Moebes  
*Vestry Representative*  
Luke Slaton

*Flower Rearranger*  
Lou Greene

*Flower Delivery*  
Janet and Danny  
Morgan

*Live Stream*  
Ann Stewart

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Rebecca Bailey *Nursery Attendant*

Paul Montgomery *Sexton*

### VESTRY

Class of 2026: Nora Hall, Sue Hennessy, Julie Leavitt (Senior Warden), Lyla Peebles, Kevin Wilson

Class of 2027: Bynum Kirby, Jackie Joiner, Ann Stewart (Junior Warden), Suzanne Thompson, Victoria Tumbleson

Class of 2028: Alex Adams, Rob Getman, Luke Slaton, Erika Huber, Emily White

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