



# St. John's

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 7, 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Arr. Donald Hustad

#### 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	Hosea 5:15-6:6
The Psalm	Psalm 50:7-15
The Second Lesson	Romans 4:13-25
The Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
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 493</b>
Dismissal	BCP 339

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

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Organ Prelude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
Arr. Donald Hustad  
Processional Hymn **Hymn 401**

## 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 Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm Psalm 50:7-15  
The Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25  
Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession **Hymn 567**  
The Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
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 706**  
Communion Hymn 2 **Hymn 676**  
The Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing BCP 366  
Procession Hymn **Hymn 493**  
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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

## Psalm 50:7-15

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)

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<sup>7</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel,  
I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>I do not accuse you because of your  
sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.

<sup>9</sup>I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

<sup>10</sup>For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in  
my sight.

<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is  
in it.

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most  
High.

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

## Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law,

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neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

## **SERVING TODAY**

<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 AM Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Sara Reed Thompson, Bobby Straub
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 AM: Erika Huber	10:30 AM: Mike Faruqui
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	8:00 AM: Grant Thompson	10:30 AM: Betty Weaver
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Freida Pressnell, Leland Pressnell, Anne Hatcher Thompson
<b>Media Ministry</b>	Ann Stewart	
<b>Flower Rearranger</b>	Dell Felts	
<b>Flower Deliverer</b>	Mike Faruqui	
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Lyla Peebles	