



St. John's

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JUNE 21, 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

How Firm a Foundation
Arr. Alice Jordan

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Hymn of Praise

Hymn S236

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The Psalm

Psalms 69: 8-11, 18-20

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

The Sermon

Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession & Absolution

BCP 330

The Peace

BCP 332

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Inside Back Cover, BCP

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1

BCP 333

Sanctus

Hymn S114

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S155

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

Procession Hymn

Hymn 537

Dismissal

BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Arr. Alice Jordan

Processional Hymn

Hymn 524

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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 661

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

The Sermon

Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian

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

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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

Where he leads me, see insert

Communion Hymn 2

I have decided to follow Jesus, see insert

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 537

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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



⁸Surely, for your sake have I suffered
reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

⁹I have become a stranger to my own
kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

¹⁰Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has
fallen upon me.

¹¹I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

¹⁸Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me."

¹⁹Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am
in distress.

*²⁰Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me."

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM Mike and Amy Faruqui	10:30 AM: Steven Tumbleson, Steve Price
Lectors	8:00 AM: Kathy Stoner	10:30 AM: Emily White
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Brian White	10:30 AM: Pat Price
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jack Hughes, Gus Greenbaum, Piper Nickels
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Flower Rearranger	Ann Stewart	
Flower Deliverer	Ann Stewart	
Vestry Person of the Day	Victoria Tumbleson	