



St. John's

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 5, 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

Eternal Father Strong to Save
Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	Hymn 376
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Zechariah 9:9-12
The Psalm	Psalms 145:8-15
The Second Lesson	Romans 7:15-25a
The Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
The Sermon	Deacon Burcham
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	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 S163
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	Hymn 718
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Eternal Father Strong to Save

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Processional Hymn

Hymn 414

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 376

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-15

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 11

The Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Sermon

Deacon Burcham

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 S129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S163

Communion Hymn 1

Hymn 644

Communion Hymn 2

Hymn 482

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 718

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey on a colt, the foal of a donkey He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; this dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalms 145:8-15

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹ They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

¹² That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

¹⁴ The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵ The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM Kathy Landis	10:30 AM: Bingham Edwards, Grant Thompson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Ashton Shelton
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Bobby Straub	10:30 AM: Dodie Hall
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Freida Pressnell, Leland Pressnell, Anne Hatcher Thompson
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Flower Rearranger	Beth Weinbaum	
Flower Deliverer	Kevin Wilson	
Vestry Person of the Day	Kevin Wilson	