



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 19, 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

"What a Friend"
Gordon Young

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	See Insert
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Isaiah 44:6-8
The Psalm	Psalms 86:11-17
The Second Lesson	Romans 8:12-25
The Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
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	<i>Inside Back Cover, BCP</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	Hymn 288
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	BCP 337
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	See Insert
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

"What a Friend"

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Processional Hymn

Hymn 372

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

See Insert

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 302

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

Inside Back Cover, BCP

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 288

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

Hymn S125

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 365

Communion Hymn

Hymn 671

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

See Insert

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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Psalms 86:11-17

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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| <p>¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your <u>truth</u>; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your <u>Name</u>.</p> <p>¹² I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my <u>heart</u>, *
and glorify your Name for ever<u>more</u>.</p> <p>¹³ For great is your love toward <u>me</u>; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost <u>Pit</u>.</p> <p>¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my <u>life</u>; *
they have not set you before their <u>eyes</u>.</p> | <p>¹⁵ But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of <u>compassion</u>, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and <u>truth</u>.</p> <p>¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy <u>upon me</u>; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your <u>handmaid</u>.</p> <p>¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be <u>ashamed</u>; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and <u>comforted me</u>.</p> |
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Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with

him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM Ann Stewart	10:30 AM: Alex Adams, Bobbi Wilson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Rachel Wiley	10:30 AM: Bobby Straub
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Grant Thompson
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Piper Nickels, Sully Nickels
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Julia Chenault	
Flower Deliverer	Danny & Janet Morgan	
Vestry Person of the Day	Ann Stewart	

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done!
2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood,
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - ery be - liev - er the prom-ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin,
the vil - est of-fend-er who tru - ly be-lieves,
but pur - er, and high-er, and great - er will be

and o-pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re-ceives.
our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To God be the Glory'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided for three different verses. The first system includes the first three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

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To God be the Glory continued

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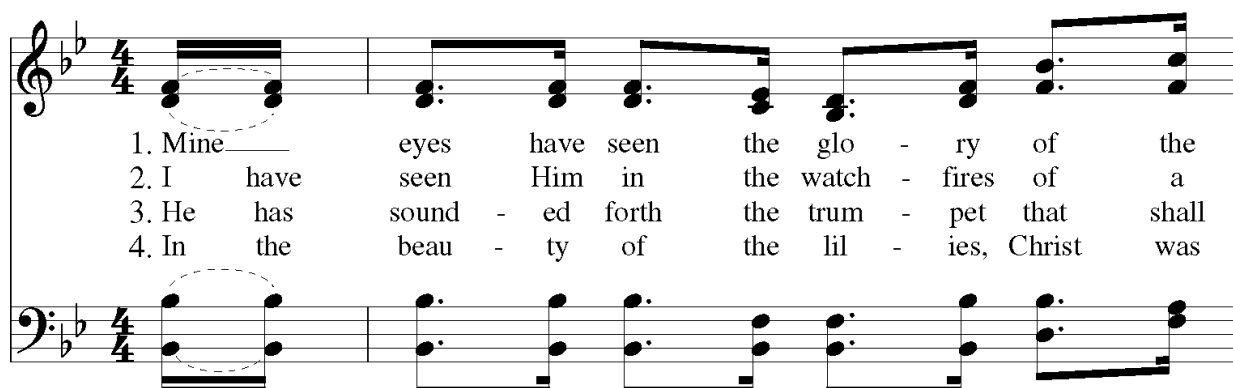
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re -

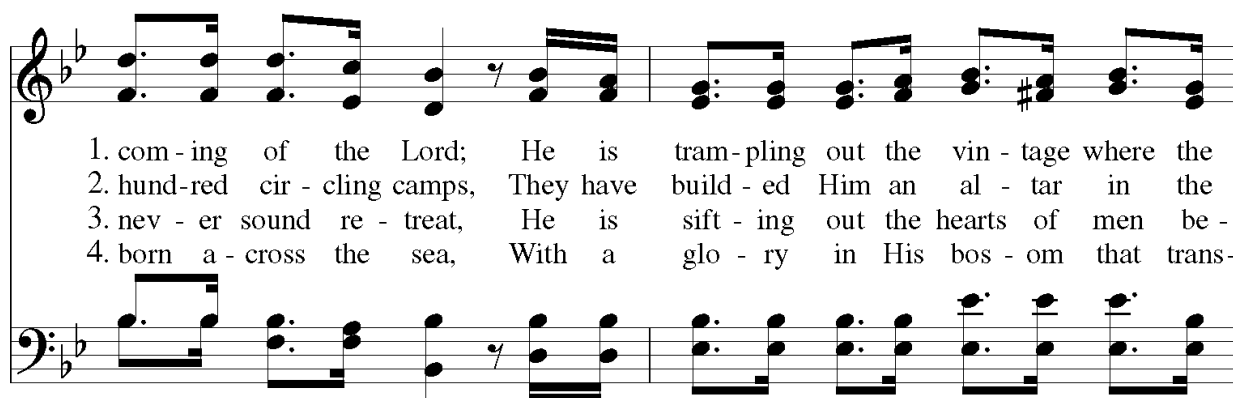
joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru Je-sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!

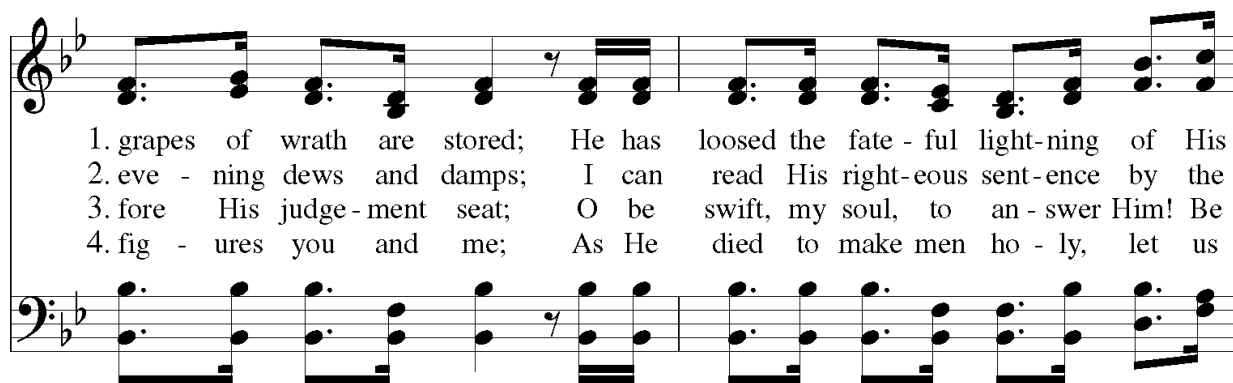
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1. Mine— eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was



1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -



1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us



1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory continued

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains four measures of music, primarily using chords and some eighth notes. The lyrics 'Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It also contains four measures of music, primarily using chords. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -

The second system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system, with a key signature change to one flat (B-flat) after the first measure. It contains four measures of music. The lyrics 'Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, with four measures of music. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.

lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The treble staff contains four measures of music, primarily using chords. The lyrics 'lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff contains four measures of music, primarily using chords. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff.