



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✝ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 2, 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

Cornet Voluntary
George Berg

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 55:1-5
The Psalm	Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22
The Second Lesson	Romans 9:1-5
The Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21
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	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	Hymn 690
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Cornet Voluntary

George Berg

Processional Hymn

Hymn 657

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 55:1-5

Psalm

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 343

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

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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 321

Communion Hymn

Hymn 482

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 690

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Psalms 145: 8-9, 15-22

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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.

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

¹⁶ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due
season.

¹⁷ You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living
creature.

¹⁸ The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹ The LORD is near to those who call upon
him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹ The LORD preserves all those who love
him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

²² My mouth shall speak the praise of the
LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever
and ever.

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM Allen Sartain	10:30 AM: Grant Thompson, Sara Reed Thompson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Ashton Shelton
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Erika Huber	10:30 AM: Pat Price, Sue Powell
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jake Wilder, Freida Pressnell, Leland Pressnell, Anne Hatcher Thompson
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Dell Felts	
Flower Deliverer	Kathy Landis	
Vestry Person of the Day	Julie Leavitt	