



St. John's

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 9, 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

Toccata and Fugue in B
Johann Pachelbel

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	Hymn 412, v. 1-2
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	1 Kings 19:9-18
The Psalm	Psalm 85:8-13
The Second Lesson	Romans 10:5-15
The Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33
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

Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	Hymn 559
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Toccata and Fugue in B

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn

Hymn 680

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 412 v. 1-2

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 529

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-23

The Sermon

Father Ackerman

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI

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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

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he Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP 365

Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 653

Communion Hymn

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The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 559

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm 85:8-13

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * ⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who
for he is speaking peace to his faithful fear him, *
people that his glory may dwell in our land.
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

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¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each
other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sanctus (10:30)

Holy, holy, holy
Lift Every Voice and Sing 255

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

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of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Communion Hymn 2 (10:30)

Love Lifted Me
Lift Every Voice and Sing 19

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore,____
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling,____
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves;____

1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more;____
2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing.____
3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves.____

1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry,____
 2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs;____
 3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey;____

1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me- Now safe am I.____
 2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs.____
 3. He your sav - ior wants to be- Be saved to - day.____

Love lift - ed me,____ Love lift - ed me,____
 Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing

1. else could help, Love lift - ed me;____ 2. Love lift - ed me.____

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Victoria and Steven Tumbleson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Erika Huber
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Hagler Wiley, Brian White
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Gus Greenbaum, Piper Nickels
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Flower Rearranger	Lou Greene	
Flower Deliverer	Jeanne Ackerman	
Vestry Person of the Day	Erika Huber	

Welcome, Father Rufus Van Horn!

St. John's is happy to announce the calling of the Rev. Rufus Van Horn as our next Associate Rector. Fr. Rufus is a 2023 graduate of the School of Theology at Sewanee and currently serves as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Tunica, Mississippi. His first Sunday with us will be September 13. Please keep Fr. Rufus in your prayer as he prepares to join our parish.
