



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 16, 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

Prelude and Ricercar in F
Johann Kreiger

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 412, v. 3-4

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

The Psalm

Psalm 67

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

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

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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 686

Dismissal

BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Prelude and Ricercar in F

Johann Kreiger

Processional Hymn

Hymn 410

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 412 v. 3-4

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Psalm

Psalm 67

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 706

The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

The Sermon

Father Ackerman

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP 392

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

Holy, holy, holy, page 5

The 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 707

Communion Hymn

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The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 686

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

S415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.

² Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing.

^{*7} May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand
in awe of him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

of the Lord, of the Lord.

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 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 of the Lord, of the Lord." The score consists of six systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

Communion Hymn 2 (10:30)

On Eagle's Wings
Wonder, Love, and Praise 810

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

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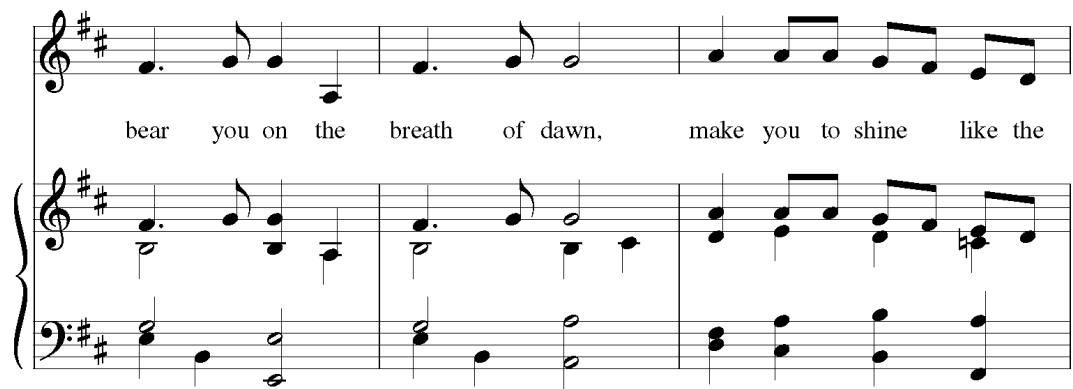


ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

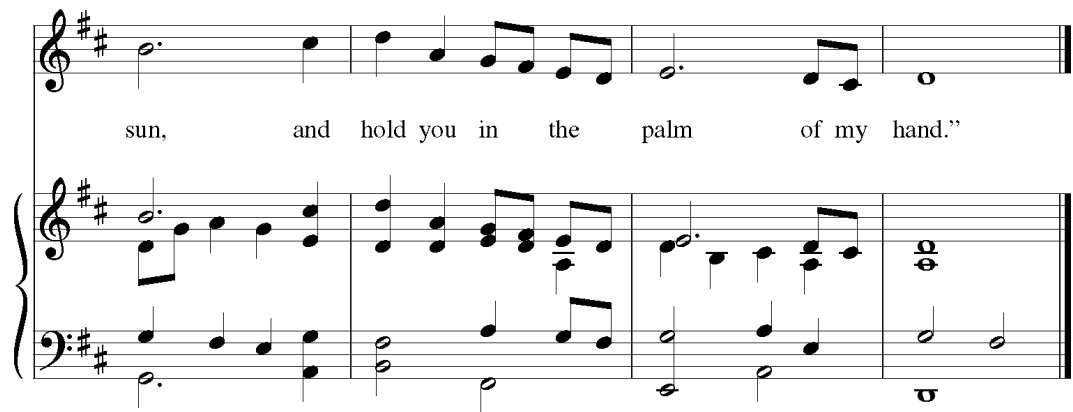
Refrain



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: D Hall	10:30 AM: Ann Stewart, Bobbi Wilson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Karen Smith	10:30 AM: Alana Haughaboo
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Dodie Hall	10:30 AM: Bynum Kirby
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Kathy Landis, Leo Salerno, Parker Tubb
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Dodie Hall	
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