



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✙ DECATUR, ALABAMA

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 30, 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 Prelude on Beethoven Themes
Christopher Urhlein

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	Hymn 412, v. 1,6
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Jeremiah 15:15-21
The Psalm	Psalm 26:1-8
The Second Lesson	Romans 12:9-21
The Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28
The Sermon	Father Ackerman
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession & Absolution	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332
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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	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 437
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Toccata Prelude on Beethoven Themes
Christopher Urhlein

Processional Hymn

Hymn 688

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 412 v. 1, 6

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

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The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

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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

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Communion Hymn

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Communion Hymn

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The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 437

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalms 26:1-8

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have
lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not
faltered.

² Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your
altar,

⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

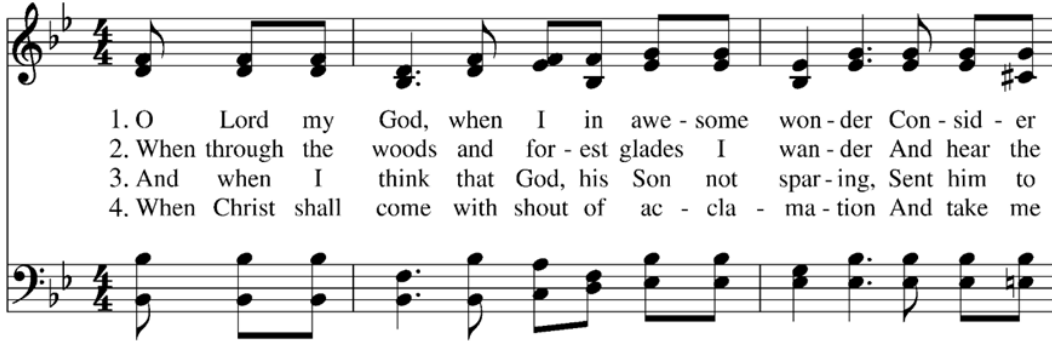
⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

Romans 12:9-21

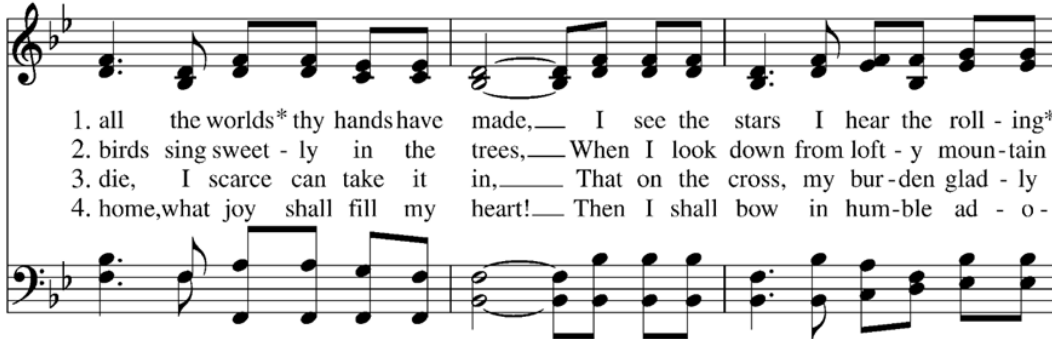
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

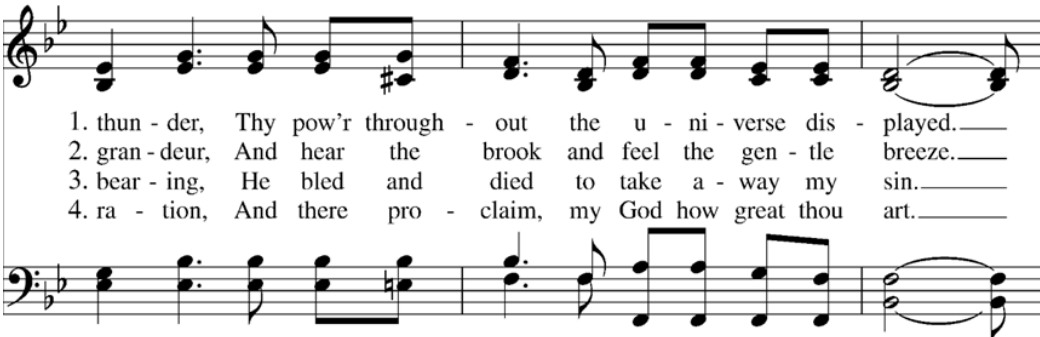
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

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Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:— How great Thou

art,— how great Thou art!— Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

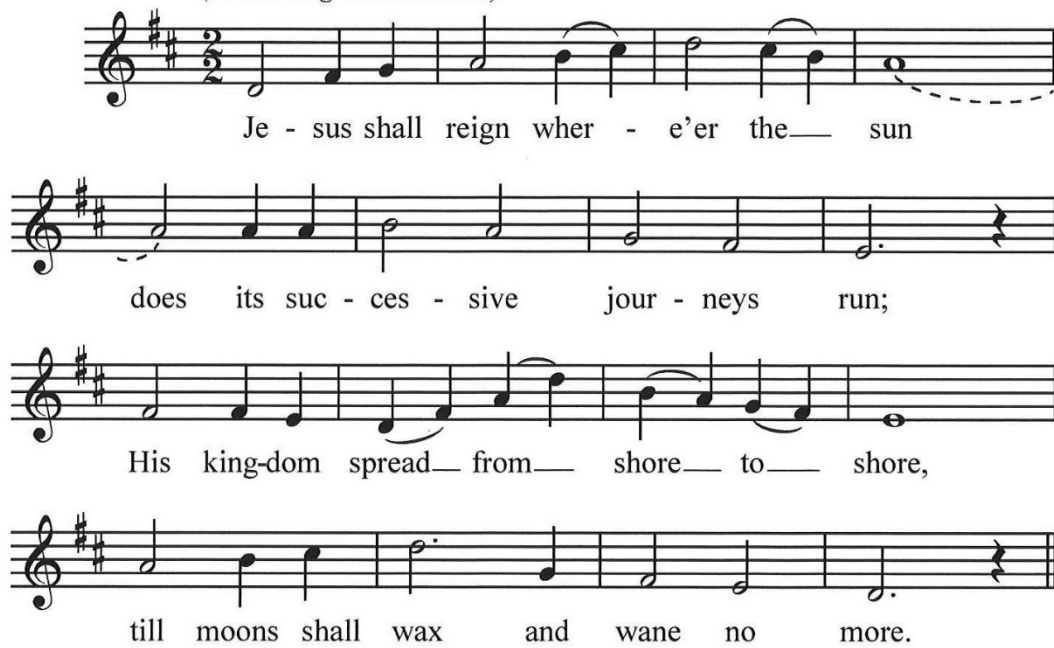
Thee:— How great Thou art,— how great Thou art!—

Offertory (10:30)

Hymn 544 Duke Street

As a surprise for Foster on his retirement from the organ bench today, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing verse 1 and 4 of *Jesus Shall Reign*, Foster's favorite hymn. Verses 2 and 3 will be sung by the choir alone.

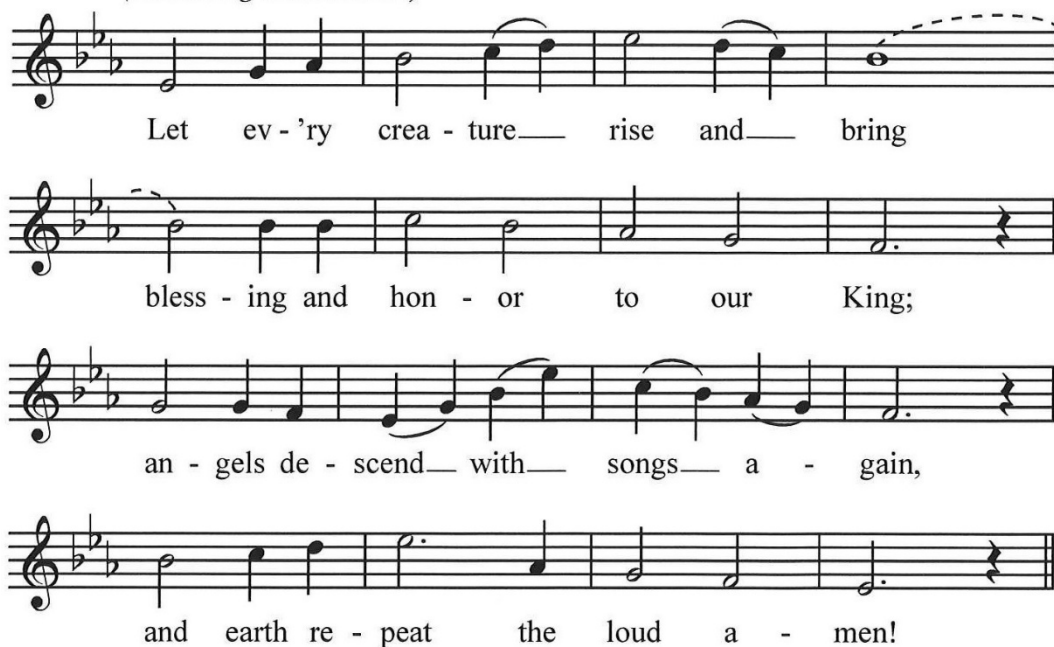
(Please sing when directed)



Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
His king-dom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

(Choir sings stanzas 2 and 3 alone)

(Please sing when directed)



Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring
bless - ing and hon - or to our King;
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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 six systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staves, with some words split across lines.

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

of the Lord, of the Lord.

continues

Ho - san - na in the high -

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

Communion Hymn 1 (10:30)

**It is well with my soul
Lift Every Voice and Sing 188**

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

Continues

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well ————— It is well with my soul, —————
 with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

Communion Hymn 2 (10:30)

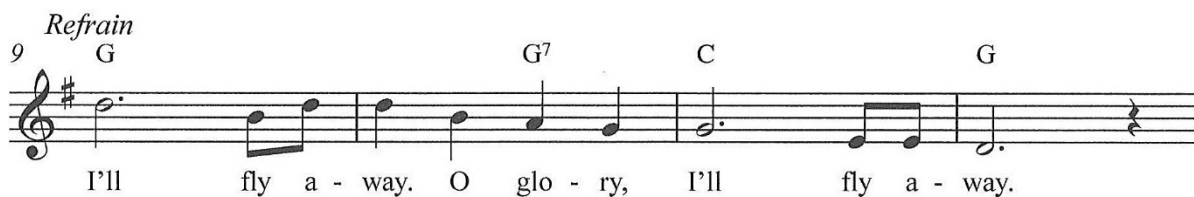
I'll fly away
Alleluia III 87



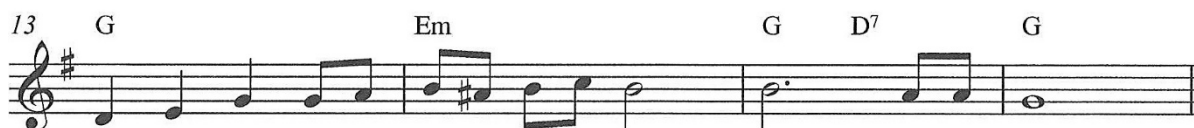
1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er_ I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wear - y days and then_ I'll fly a - way.



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.
 Like a bird from pri - son bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
 To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



I'll fly a - way. O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way.



When I die, Hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Steve Price	10:30 AM: Bingham Edwards, David Rice
Lectors	8:00 AM: Brian White	10:30 AM: Rachel Wiley
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Bobby Straub, Betty Weaver
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman Leo Salerno Sadie Wilson
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Mary McKimmon	
Flower Deliverer	Ann Stewart	
Vestry Person of the Day	Jackie Joiner	

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