



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✝ DECATUR, ALABAMA

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 13, 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

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise	Hymn 421
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Genesis 50:15-21
The Psalm	Psalm 103:8-13
The Second Lesson	Romans 14:1-12
The Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35
The Sermon	Father Van Horn
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 408
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	Hymn S155
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	Hymn 494
Dismissal	BCP 493

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn

Hymn 390

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 421

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession

Hymn 393

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

The Sermon

Father Van Horn

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 408

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

Hymn S155

Communion Hymn 1

Hymn 60

Communion Hymn 2

Hymn 379

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BCP 366

Procession Hymn

Hymn 494

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103:1-13

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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| <p>¹ Bless the LORD, O my <u>soul</u>, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy
<u>Name</u>.</p> | <p>⁸ The LORD is full of compassion and
<u>mercy</u>, *
slow to anger and of great <u>kindness</u>.</p> |
| <p>² Bless the LORD, O my <u>soul</u>, *
and forget not all his <u>benefits</u>.</p> | <p>⁹ He will not always <u>accuse us</u>, *
nor will he keep his anger for <u>ever</u>.</p> |
| <p>³ He forgives all your <u>sins</u> *
and heals all your <u>infirmities</u>;</p> | <p>¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our
<u>sins</u>, *
nor rewarded us according to our
<u>wickedness</u>.</p> |
| <p>⁴ He redeems your life from the <u>grave</u> *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-
<u>kindness</u>;</p> | <p>¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the
<u>earth</u>, *
so is his mercy great upon those who
<u>fear him</u>.</p> |
| <p>⁵ He satisfies you with good <u>things</u>, *
and your youth is renewed like an
<u>eagle's</u>.</p> | <p>¹² As far as the east is from the <u>west</u>, *
so far has he removed our sins from <u>us</u>.</p> |
| <p>⁶ The LORD executes <u>righteousness</u> *
and judgment for all who are
<u>oppressed</u>.</p> | <p>¹³ As a father cares for his <u>children</u>, *
so does the LORD care for those who
<u>fear him</u>.</p> |
| <p>⁷ He made his ways known to <u>Moses</u> *
and his works to the children of <u>Israel</u>.</p> | |

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who

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eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Steve Price	10:30 AM: Alex Adams, Sara Reed Thompson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Rachel Wiley	10:30 AM: Linda Miller
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM Pat Price	10:30 AM: Erika Huber, Hagler Wiley
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Piper Nickels, Sully Nickels
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Flower Rearranger	Victoria Tumbleson	
Flower Deliverer	Steven Tumbleson	
Vestry Person of the Day	Lyla Peebles	