

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite	BCP 323
The Collect of the Day	
The Lessons Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9 (<i>Scripture found in 10:30 section</i>)	Bible 159
Psalm 15 <i>Domine, quis habitabit?</i>	BCP 599
James 1.17-27	Bible 1370
Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Bible 1187
The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
Prayers of the People, Form IV	BCP 388
Confession of Sin	BCP 330
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 340
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
The Communion	
Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing	BCP 339
Hymn at the Procession	
Hymnal 655 <i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	<i>Nyland</i>
Dismissal	

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
10:30 AM

The Word of God

At the Procession		
Hymnal 423 <i>Immortal, invisible</i>		<i>St. Denio</i>
Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity		BCP 355
<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit	
<i>People</i>	<i>And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, Amen.</i>	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. <i>Amen</i>	

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.*

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

Bible 159

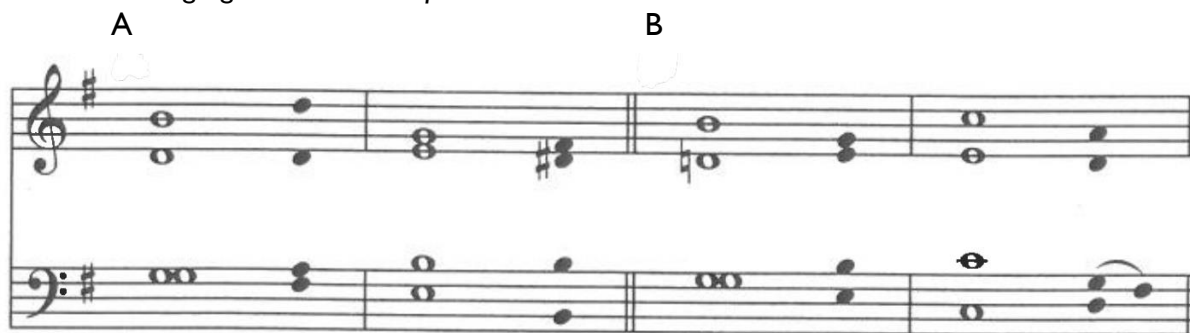
Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual: Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

BCP 599

The choir and congregation chant the psalm.



A 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
 B 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is
right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
 A 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

B 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
 A 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
 B 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
 B 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle: James 1.17-27**Bible 1370**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord / *Thanks be to God.*

At the Sequence

Hymnal 628 Help us, O Lord, to learn

St. Ethelwald

Procession to Children's Chapel for 3K, 4K, and 5K. Children will return at the Peace.

The Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23**Bible 1187**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery,

avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for they tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Hymnal S-128 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

William Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 368

Fraction Anthem: S-161 Christ our Passover

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

At the Communion

WLP 779 The Church of Christ

Dunedin

Hymnal 659 O Master let me walk

de Tar

Hymnal 707 Take my life

Hollingside

Hymnal 655 O Jesus I have promised

Nyland

People's response to the sending out of the Eucharistic Visitors:

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing

BCP 365

Hymn at the Procession

Hymnal 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart (vs. 1-5)

Marion

Dismissal

Family Ministries

NO EYC, Sunday School, or Adult Classes this Sunday, September 1. We will return on September 8.

10th and 11th graders are invited to be part of our **Confirmation** class this fall! We will have an info meeting for parents and confirmands on Sunday, **September 8** at 7:30 PM (this will be our normal Confirmation meeting time).

Happening #91 staff applications are now open! If you have already attended a Happening weekend, you are invited to apply to serve on staff. The Happening weekend is Nov. 22-24. Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/happening91>

Diocesan Design Team applications are open for the **Middle School Converge** retreat Oct. 26-27. We are hosting this event here at St. John's! High school youth are welcome to apply to staff this event. Application deadline is September 1. Apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/OctoberConverge>

3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for our first **Pre-YC** on Sunday, Sep 8 from 3-4 PM. Hope to see you there!

Email Alex Cheek with questions at adc@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Upcoming Events

Men of St. John's Fall Kick Off Event

Thursday, September 5 at 6 PM

Hosted by Benton and Elisabeth Williamson: 4030 Claremont Drive, Columbia, SC

Pizza, salad and beverages RSVP to sje@stjohnscolumbia.org

The Men of St. John's gather for fellowship and service to the church and community. They raise money through a shrimp sale, an oyster roast that is not to be missed, and other events that support ministries at St. John's and around Columbia. The MOSJ uses its superior culinary skills to put on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Pentecost Cookout, and other parish meals that draw the whole church family together. A brief review of men's events for 2024-2025 will be part of our evening, as well as the chance to get involved. George Gallagher is the president of the MOSJ and can be reached at ggallagher@speed-seta.com.

Foyer Group Kick-Off Potluck Lunch

September 15, after the 10:30 service

All members of existing Foyer Groups are invited to attend this all-group gathering in the Dining Room. Bring a dish to share. The church will provide chicken and beverages. If you'd like to join a group, you are invited as well. Foyer Groups are small groups that meet for a meal and fellowship on a schedule of their choosing. New participants should contact Vestry member Paul McCullough, who will add you to an existing group or create a new one. Recruit a friend or two if you like to form the nucleus of a new group. Foyer is a great way to develop spiritual friendship at St. John's. Email pmcculloughhomes@gmail.com or text 803-238-9791.

St. Monica's First Fall Meeting!

Thursday, September 12 at 1 PM

Barr Center Dining Room

This is a wonderful group of ladies in their 70's and older who come together monthly for fellowship, study and encouragement. For questions, please email Rhett Hardy at rhetthardy@gmail.com.

Connections Gathering

Singles, married, families in their 40's

Savage Craft on Sunday, September 22th at 4pm.

Questions, reach out to ashleywjaillette@gmail.com.

Sunday School & Adult Formation

Sunday Mornings for Adults

Equipping the Saints meets in the Multipurpose Room on the lower level of Heyward Hall. Led by the clergy and the adult formation committee, the class is a series of series, this year offering an introduction to the New Testament. Come sit in for an overview of each book of the New Testament—a book a week!

The Wired Word meets in the Parlor on the first floor of Heyward Hall. Discussion-oriented, this class works off lessons emailed to participants in advance, that provoke reflection on Scripture, current events, and our common life. Email Sandy Leach (alexandrasandyleach@gmail.com) to be subscribed to the emails.

The Monthly Sunday Early Adult Class meets monthly, often on the first Sunday, at 9 AM in the Dining Room of the Barr Center. It is a great choice for 8 AM service worshipers. Davis Bourne leads the class and provides a delicious breakfast. **Note that this class begins September 8.**

Parents' Bible Study meets in the Library and will be reading and discussing *Parenting With Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility*. Fr. Beasley and guest teachers will lead conversation.

Inquirers Class

Sunday, October 6, 13, and 20

Room 9, Lower Level of Heyward Hall

Led by the clergy, culminating in a welcome of new members in worship on October 19. We'd love to share more about St. John's, the Christian faith in the Episcopal Church, and get to know you better.

Sunday Mornings for Youth & Children

For children 5th grade and under, parents please plan to walk your child to class and pick your child up from the door at 10:15.

Little Lambs, for 3 and 4 year olds, is faithfully led by Ashley Jaillette, Kelli Turnipseed, and Caroline Tevepaugh in Room 129. Our youngest parishioners engage in play, story, song, and craft as they learn about the Bible.

Holy Moly! K-5th grade: Split into two age groups, these classes engage thoughtfully in Bible stories and concepts through discussion, play, and craft centered around a video. K-2 meets in Room 226 and 3rd-5th meet in Room 215. Teachers for our K-2nd grade class include Ashleigh Axson, Lynae Beresford, Sally McCants, Lolly Petroff, and Eva Wheeler. Teachers for our 3-5th grade class are Rebecca & Thomas Coleman, Mary Claire & Ben Martinsen, and Lauren & Mike McCauley.

Middle School: 6th-8th graders learn from Barbara and Bobby Jones through the Bible Project video series, traveling together through the Old and New Testament. Be ready to have your thinking caps on for some competitive trivia! Room 221.

High Schoolers are invited to come to room 222 during the Sunday School hour. We will spend time diving deeper into some of the familiar stories that have been taught through the younger Sunday School classes. We're excited to get started with our teachers Krista & Brink Hinson, Areli & Craig Keeney, and Kathryn & Will Kelley!

Children's Chapel at St. John's is a beloved tradition of storytelling, prayer, and song. Before the Gospel at the 10:30 worship service, children ages 7 and under are invited to join an adult at the back of the church to walk to the Children's Chapel and enjoy a child-focused worship time. We'll spend our time hearing a story, praying, enjoying play time, and singing songs! Anyone interested in being a volunteer for Children's Chapel should contact Alex. Youth are encouraged to volunteer as well!

Nursery is offered at St. John's for children ages 3 and younger. The children of St. John's enjoy stories and playtime in a safe and loving environment from 9:20 until the end of the later worship service. Parents are welcome to pick up their children anytime during the service. Parents of children who participate in Nursery should contact Alex to be in the rotation of volunteers.

Lunch & Learn

Lunch and Learn Returns September 23!

Professor Richard M. Southall

Director, College Sport Research Institute, USC

Dr. Southall, a recognized expert on college sports, was a consultant for the plaintiffs in the 2009-2016 O'Bannon v. NCAA litigation. He has testified before congressional committees on the safety and well-being of college athletes. He is the author of *The NCAA and the Exploitation of College Profit-Athletes: An Amateurism that Never Was*. He teaches and researches in the areas of sport ethics, college sport and research methods. He'll ask us to consider the ethics of being fans and compensation for athletes in big-time college sports. Please RSVP to msg@stjohnscolumbia.org.



Music Ministries

Year-round **Chancel Choir** has begun! If you would like to join us, we will warm up and rehearse each Wednesday 7:00pm-8:30 PM in the music room and sing for the 10:30 AM service most Sundays. It is one of the most close-knit and rewarding small groups in the life of church. All are welcome! Contact Amanda Wrona at ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org with any questions.

St. John's Singers and **Tilted Halos** are starting soon! We will have interest meetings after the 10:30 AM service on Sept 15 and Sept 22 in the music room. You only need to attend one day. St. John's Singers (3rd-8th grade) will rehearse Sundays 4- 5 PM beginning Sept 29. Tilted Halos (Kindergarten-2nd grade) will rehearse Wednesdays 5:20-5:50 PM beginning October 2.

Return of the Ringers! Beginning Wednesday October 9 at 6 PM, the St. John's Ringers bell choir will rehearsing music for the upcoming holiday season. All are welcome to join! If you have questions, please contact Kim Bray at kimbray17@comcast.net.

Gym Scheduling

Below is a schedule for St. John's renewed gym. Adults have the opportunity to play pickleball on Monday, Tuesday, and Sunday. Each session will have a volunteer host, who is a church member. The church has paddles, balls, and nets. We are sharing the gym with a community basketball club on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Some pickleball time has been set aside for middle and high schoolers before EYC on Sunday afternoon. The schedule will be updated when our St. John's basketball teams begin practice. If you want to use the gym at other times, you can reach out to a member of the staff. We have requested in the past that groups using the gym include a church member and one person 16 or older.

Monday

Open Pickleball 9:00 - 11 AM

Soda City Basketball Club 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday

Open Pickleball 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday

Soda City Basketball Club 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sunday

Open Adult Pickleball 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Middle School Pickleball 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Senior High Pickleball 5:00 – 6:00 PM

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St. John's Clergy & Staff

Daniel P. Richards, Bishop of Upper South Carolina

Nicholas M. Beasley, Rector

Garrett Ayers, Associate Rector

Alex Barron, Priest Associate

Amanda Wrona, Director of Music

Monica Briseno, Organist

Alex Cheek, Director of Family Ministries

Laura Fowles, Parish Administrator

Rhonda Gardner, Financial Administrator

Megan Griffin, Administrative Assistant

Prayer Requests

Recently Died: Martha Bryan

Expecting Parents: Lawson & Megan Smith, Josh & Mary Kathryn Cone, Virginia & Randall Boland

For Military Service Personnel

Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Brennen Fleischer, Salters Kneece, Rivers Chadwick.

St. John's Church Members

Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Jane Blackwell, John Boylston, John and Martha Bryan, Shuri Dozier, Janice Fort, Holly Godwin, Jim Knight, Nancy Law, Joyce Mann, Linda Mittenzwei, Bonnie Montgomery, George Reid, Norah Taylor, Annette and Buck Shuler, Mollie Sullivan, Lisa Wilcox, Pam Zemp

Friends and Family of Church Members

Edie Avery, Tom Ballew, Ann Baker, Glenn Barker, Paula Birch, Daniel Barden, Ann Bowman, Paula Bowers, Eric Branham, Judith Brooks, Matt Camp, Landon Derrick, Wayne Fisher, Scott Fleischer, Peach Fralick, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Lettie Fuller, Adam Gibson, Farrell Goodrich, Grumbles Family, Mia Guinn, Ennis Hardin, Sarah Harmon, Christy Helmly, Nikki Hood, Miller Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Frances Carolyn James, Olin Jenkins, Jan Knapp, David Knight, Jennifer Martin, Katherine Mundy, Alex Newcomer, Amy Noblitt, Marilyn O'Keefe, Ann Plemmons, Ken Priest, Libby Puckett, David Richardson, The Rev. Mary Moore Roberson, Jackie Schell, Caroline Scott, Wanda Scott, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Kathy Sprayberry, Myles Starnes, Sylvia Taylor, Andy Tevepaugh, Unita Skipper Usher, Bob Waters, Summer Watt, Brooks Wheeler, Ed Wrightson, Brad Young, Dan Zeamer

Our Worship

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Fr. Beasley is away this Sunday, returning from a trip to New York tomorrow. Fr. Barron, our retired Priest Associate, is spending September in the mountains.

Those participating in worship:

8 AM

EM: Bill Todd

10:30 AM

EM 1: Faxie Watt EM 2: Bill Todd

Ushers: Jim Daniel, Chris Turnipseed, Charlie Sterne

Greeter: Jason Lockhart, William Axson

Altar Guild: Georgianna Wheeler, Cathy Bourne, Lynda Lovelace, Sallie Reynolds

Altar Flowers: Margaret Cain & Elisabeth Williamson

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