

**ST. JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite One**  
**8:00 AM**

**The Word of God**

<b>Entrance Rite</b>	<b>BCP 323</b>
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	
<b>The Lessons</b> Acts 1.3-14 ( <i>Scripture found in 10:30 section</i> )	<b>Bible 1261</b>
Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36 <i>Exsurgat Deus</i>	<b>BCP 676</b>
I Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11	<b>Bible 1377</b>
John 17.1-11	<b>Bible 1255</b>
<b>The Sermon</b>	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<b>BCP 327</b>
<b>Prayers of the People, Form II</b>	<b>BCP 385</b>
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>BCP 330</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	

**The Holy Communion**

<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II</b>	<b>BCP 340</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>	<b>BCP 337</b>
<b>The Communion</b>	
<b>Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing</b>	<b>BCP 339</b>
<b>Hymn at the Procession</b>	
Hymnal 450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	<i>Coronation</i>
<b>Dismissal</b>	

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**10:30 AM**

**The Word of God**

<b>Voluntary</b> Jeremiah Clarke Suite No. 1	Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707)
	Francis Grice, Trumpet
<b>At the Procession</b>	
Hymnal 450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	<i>Coronation</i>

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* 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. Amen

**Song of Praise S-280 Gloria**

Powell

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**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Acts 1.3-14**

**Bible 1261**

After his suffering, Jesus presented himself alive to the disciples by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**The Gradual: Psalm 68.1-6, 35-36 Exsurgat Deus**

**BCP 676**

*The choir and congregation chant the psalm.*

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- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth  
prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to  
his people! Blessed be God!

**The Epistle: I Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11**

**Bible 1377**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

**At the Sequence**

Hymnal 495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (*vs. 1-3 before the Gospel; vs. 4 after*)

*In Babilone*

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

**The Gospel: John 17.1-11**

**Bible 1255**

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

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**Prayers of the People, Form II  
Confession of Sin and Absolution  
The Peace**

**BCP 385  
BCP 360**

**The Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory**

Rock of Ages

Michael Brown

**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 A**

**BCP 361**

Hymnal S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *Agnus Dei*

Hurd

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**At the Communion**

Hymnal 635 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee  
Hymnal 315 Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray  
Hymnal 691 My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
WLP 778 (green hymnal) We All Are One in Mission

*Wer nur den lieben Gott  
Song I  
Olivet  
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 494 Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Diademata*

**Dismissal**

**Voluntary** Fugue in Bb (BMV 560)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Our Worship

Our readings this week speak to us about the theme of restoration. The disciples ask Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" And Peter speaks of Christ as one who will "restore, support, strengthen and establish you." So even Christ prays for our restoration this week, too! "Holy Father, protect them in your name...so that they might be one, as we are one."

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Some of our church family are enjoying Eucharist and fellowship at Camp Gravatt this Sunday.

*A gentle reminder that part of our Anglican worship tradition is keeping a time of quiet before our services begin. Prayers of preparation are found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 833-834.*

Those leading worship on this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Wade Sparks

EM 10:30: Janine Lewis, Bill Todd

EM Gravatt: Lauren McCauley

Acolytes: Jack Long, Charlie Petroff, Henry Koehler, Ezra Grice

Ushers: Jason Lockhart, Keith Axson, William and Davis Bozeman

Greeters: Lockey Plyler, Lynae Beresford

Children's Chapel: Ashleigh Axson

Altar Guild: Gail Fisher, Kelly Turnipseed, Roger Wilson, Kate Wolcott, Susan Smith

Altar Flowers: Mackie O'Keefe, Gail Jeter

Children's Chapel:

Every Sunday during the 10:30 AM worship service, children in 3k, 4k, and 5k, or children not quite ready to fully participate in the service are welcome to join us. Open to members & visitors! If it is your first time sending your child to Children's Chapel, please attend with them so our teachers can meet you.

## Family Ministries

Middle and high school youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 1 for a day trip to **Carowinds!** Sign up in the Epistle.

**Looking to do some summer mission work?**

The **Homeworks Mission** week in Edisto is back!

High school youth are invited to be part of this mission week from July 19-24. Register: <https://homeworksofamerica.org/volunteer/>

Join us this Sunday, May 17 from 5-6:30 PM for our end of year **EYC pool party** at the Hinson's house! Excited to see everyone there as we wrap up the program year.

We need **Peace Keepers** for Children's Chapel this summer! Sign up in the Epistle.

**VBS 2026 is Operation Restoration!**

*Registration closes on Wednesday, May 20!* Children 3k to rising 5th grade are invited to join us June 8-11 from 9AM to 12PM each day. We will learn to be menders in God's world, and learn simple ways to live out faith in daily life. <https://tinyurl.com/VBS2026sje>

## Music Ministry

**Summer Choir** will be starting soon! If you have always wanted to give the choir a shot, come sing this summer. We meet at 9:15am each Sunday in the sanctuary. (No Wednesday rehearsals.) It is one of the most close-knit and rewarding small groups in the life of the church. All are welcome! Contact Amanda Wrona at [ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:ahw@stjohnscolumbia.org) with any questions.

## Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Picnic

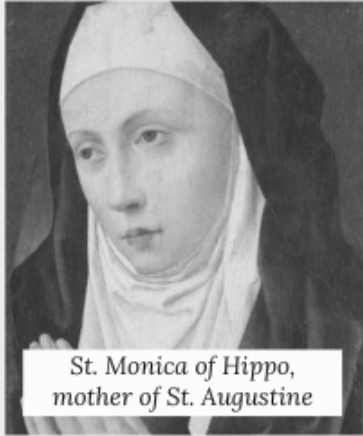
You are invited to wear RED and bring a side dish to share for our Pentecost Picnic!  
The church will provide hotdogs, brats, and dessert.

*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them...all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)*



## Is St. John's in Your Will?

Our church has benefited from many bequests in our 114 year history. End-of-life gifts form the core of the church's endowment, which funds major improvements to our buildings, youth programs, and new ministries. Talk with your family and estate planning professionals about the best way to make a gift from your estate to St. John's, which will use your gift for Christian ministry for many years to come.



St. Monica of Hippo,  
mother of St. Augustine

## St. Monica's May Gathering

Thursday, May 21 at 12 PM

Barr Center Dining Room

Please bring a salad, sandwiches, or dessert to share.

Contact Rhett Hardy with questions:

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## Summer Book Club

Sundays in June at 9:30 AM in the Parlor

**Beginning May 31**, join Fr. Garrett for a light-hearted book club. This summer, we will be reading one of Fr. Garrett's favorite graphic novels, the award-winning *Marvels*, by Kurt Busiek and Alex Ross. The story follows a journalist in New York as he documents the emergence of heroes into the city's life, and the city's responses. Come if you love comics, or have never even picked one up! We'll have great conversation.

*Books available in the atrium for \$25*



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## Lunch and Learn Trip to the Southeastern Piano Festival

*Lunchtime Concert*

**Tuesday, June 9 at 12 Noon**

Koger Center Main Lobby, 1051 Greene Street

Bring your lunch or pick it up from one of the food trucks outside and enjoy an informal concert by our SEPF Associates and Graduate Assistants who are all young rising artists studying piano at USC.

Meet Fr. Beasley at St. John's for an 11:20 departure.

# Vestry 2026

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**Those to be Baptized:** Lillian-Grace Thomas, daughter of Rachel & Joseph Thomas; Benton Peterson, son of Sara & Stuart Peterson

**Those to Be Married:** Kate Thomas and Michael O'Keefe, Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

**For Military Service Personnel:** Matthew Simmons, Byron Davison, Salters Kneece, Ryan Sheard, Jay Drake

**St. John's Church Members:** Mackie All, Pat Arnold, Bill Barksdale, Jr., Jerryana Birch-Biblioni, Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan

**Friends and Family of Church Members:** Jose Arnaldo Bibiloni, Joanna Beresford, Patsy Blocker, Ann Bowman, Georgia Brenneke, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Brian Dressler, Maxine Floyd, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Mark Grey, Mia Guinn, Sonya Hancock, Kristi Helmly, Oliver Higinbotham, Noah Higinbotham, Al Hipp, Miller Ingram, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Christi Jolley, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, Kate Lichty, Lori Lesieur, Jennifer Martin, John McKie, Katherine Mundy, Charlie Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, David Richardson, Beaumont Riley, Mark Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Vera W. Tucker, Barbara Turner, Brooks Wheeler

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