

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

BCP-Book of Common Prayer

WLP -Wonder, Love and Praise

Time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
8:00 AM

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

BCP 323

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons Zechariah 9.9-12 (*Scripture found in 10:30 section*)

Bible 872

Psalm 145.8-15 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

BCP 801

Romans 7.15-25a

Bible 1299

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Bible 1157

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory *All things come of thee, O Lord/And of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chronicles 29:14)*

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 716 God Bless Our Native Land

America

Dismissal

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

10:30 AM

A quiet time for prayer is kept before the service. Prayers of preparation are found on p. 833-835 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Voluntary Largo (from Concerto in d minor)

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

At the Procession

Hymnal 414 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Stuttgart

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

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*

The Epistle: Romans 7.15-25a

Bible 1299

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

At the Sequence

Hymnal 213 Come Away to the Skies (*vs. 1-4 before the Gospel; vs. 5 after*)

Middlebury

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

The Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Bible 1157

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Jubilate Deo

Bedford

*Jubilate deo, omnis terra! Oh, be joyful in the Lord God! Oh, be joyful in the Lord our God, all you children of the world!
Love and serve the Lord your God! Love and serve the Lord your God with gladness evermore!
Come to God, come now into God's presence, come to God with songs of exultation!*

At the Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymnal S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord—*Sanctus*

BCP 361

Powell

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!

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S-154 Christ our Passover

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

At the Communion

Hymnal 692 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Hymnal 342 O Bread of Life
Hymnal 693 Just As I Am
Hymnal 579 Almighty Father, Strong to Save

*The Third Tune
Sheng En
Woodworth
Melita*

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 716 God Bless Our Native Land

America

Dismissal

Voluntary

Fanfare in C

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Our Worship

For several weeks, our readings have reminded us of Israel's exile in Babylon. This week, they remind us of Israel's release from exile, "Lo your King comes to you" (Zech. 9). God may send us away, but God always restores us as well.

Those leading worship on this Sunday:

EM 8 AM: Bill Robinson, Michael Burkett

EM 10:30: Bill Todd, Faxie Watt

Acolytes: McCaulay Kalish, Malcolm Keeney, Beckett Keeney, Keating Davison

Ushers: Brandon Templeton, Scott Jaillette, Jason Lockhart, Keith Axson

Greeters: Thomas Coleman, Fletcher Spigner

Children's Chapel: Alex Cheek

Altar Guild: Georgianna Wheeler, Cathy Bourne, Lynda Lovelace, Sallie Reynolds, Elizabeth Powers, Elaine Strong

Altar Flowers: Susan Hilsman

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.

Independence Day Prayer

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Children's Sundays

Children's Sermon Sundays: July 12, August 2

Two more times this summer, our proclamation of the Gospel will be especially focused for the children of St. John's. But remember that a good children's sermon reaches adults, too. "Jesus called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 18:2-5. We do not have children's chapel on these Sundays, but you will find Pelican Snoballs after service!

Fr. Beasley at Lake Summit Chapel

Fr. Beasley is leading worship this morning at Lake Summit Chapel in North Carolina. Fr. Garrett will be the priest on call during Fr. Beasley's vacation July 1-8. His mobile number in case of an emergency requiring pastor response is 803-413-1419.

Family Ministries



Friday, July 10 from 5-8 PM

Join us for Family Movie Night!

Pizza & popcorn for a great time in the gym.

SNOWBALL
& Children's Sermon



SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JULY 12

Come Celebrate!

GARDEN GOODNESS

& Farewell Sunday

SUNDAY, JULY 19

[O Lord] You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
Psalm 104

We will celebrate Alex Cheek and Fr. Garrett's time at St. John's on **Sunday, July 19**, after the 10:30 service, with a Garden Goodness Potluck. Garrett and Alex will share a going-away purse as they begin new phases of life and ministry. You can make your gift by check (Farewell Fund on the memo line) or online, choosing "Farewell Fund" from the drop-down menu.'

Celebrate the bounty of God's creation as we build up the Body of Christ at St. John's! Join the table with enough to share - bring your favorite salad, fruit, pie and other garden abundance. St. John's cookbooks will be available for purchase at the potluck for only \$20! Great for your own collection, but even better as a gift to friends & family.

JULY

July 10: Family Movie Night, 5-8 PM

July 12: SnoBall Sunday & Children's Sermon

July 19: Garden Goodness Potluck
& Farewell Celebration



Welcome!

Mid summer is moving season for many families, as well as vacation and family visiting season. Welcome to Columbia and St. John's if you are in a time of transition. If you are visiting St. John's today, the clergy, vestry greeters (near the front steps), and members of the congregation would all look forward to speaking with you. A visitors card in the pew or the Connect QR code are great ways to introduce yourself. Many of us are also away visiting and vacationing this time of year; be sure to come again around Welcome Back Sunday (August 10), when many of our ministries and activities reactivate after summer's slower pace. Church members, be sure to welcome those around you in worship this summer, as each of us is a minister of hospitality.

Prayer Requests

Recently Died: Sandra Polanski, sister of Trish Eccles

Those to Be Married: Allison Nagy and Porter Burkett

Expecting Parents: Maggie Mallett & Zack Smith

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., Jackie Boylston, Abby Bray, Janice Fort, Burton Fowles, Jr., Steve Hardin, Beaver Hardy, Miriam Hedgepath, Leigh Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Shirley Knight, Larry Long, Joyce Mann, Bruce Marshall, Linda Mittenzwei, Stacy McCloghry, Christine Prioleau, George Reid, Tommy Shealy, Annette Shuler, Sid Smith, Jack Sterne, Mollie Sullivan

Friends and Family of Church Members: Joanna Beresford, Ann Bowman, Georgia Brenneke, Jim Camp, Kay Canipe, Anna Courie, Amy Crook, Ginnie Daguise, Brantley Daniel, Judy Dent, Brian Dressler, Maxine Floyd, Melinda "Rosa" Franks, Douglas Frels, Lettie Fuller, Tawney Gavin, Paul Gilley, Kristi Helmy, Al Hipp, Frances Jaillette, Sharon James-Hilyer, Pat Keane, Kevin Keeney, Lori Lesieur, Charlie Pate, Teddy Pate, Carol Preslar, Colleen Pruitt, Earl Ridout & family, Beaumont Riley, Jackie Schell, Pearl Sims, Courtney Smith, Linda Sparks, Jason Sutton, Eleanor Taylor, Jerry Trotter, Vera W. Tucker, Brooks Wheeler

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