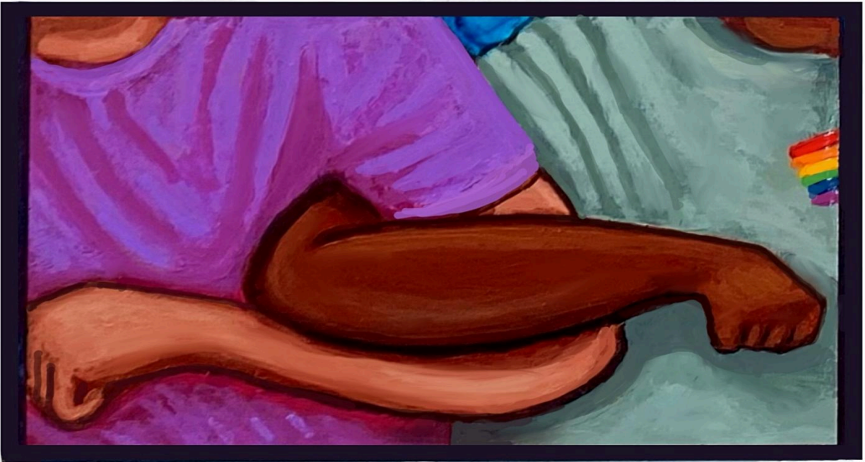


THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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A GREETING TO OUR GUESTS

We welcome all, really and truly!

We welcome you today to the parish of St. John in the Wilderness. We welcome cradle Episcopalians and those who say, “episco-what?” We welcome soccer dads and hockey moms; we welcome wild-eyed progressives, staunch conservatives, and everybody in between. If you’re a proud hippie, step right up. If you wear a tie, even with your pajamas, come on in. Tree-huggers, check. Drivers of gas-guzzlers, yup. Vegans and those who order only meatlover’s pizza are both welcome. We welcome those with crying newborns and those who avoid kids at all costs. We extend a welcome to those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, gay, bi, trans, or straight. This faith community has people with much, people with just enough, and a whole bunch somewhere in the middle.

We welcome you if you have always loved church or if church just isn’t your thing. You are welcome here if you are church shopping, if you already have a faith community that is just right, or if you have no intention whatsoever of joining a church. If you work too much or too hard, you are welcome here. If you haven’t worked a day in your life, you are welcome here. For those who love all things literary as well as those who have always had trouble choosing between “lie” and “lay,” this is your place. If you came here today because you felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit, welcome. If you came because your Mom guilted you into it... well, welcome. You had best do as your mother says!

In short, we welcome everyone to get to know this faith community of St. John’s. Really and truly. We welcome you because we all need community; we all need support; and many of us here at St. John’s have learned that faith really does help us along the journey.

Everyone is invited to participate fully in worship, to receive Holy Communion, and to join in the life of our faith community. We base our worship on *The Book of Common Prayer*, *The Hymnal 1982*, and *The Bible*. These books are in the pews. To learn more about St. John in the Wilderness, please speak to an usher or a clergy person. Following worship, please join us for refreshments and fellowship. Again, thank you for joining us today!

HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Episcopal Church uses a number of resources in our worship. Our music is found in the blue hymnals found in the pew racks. Red copies of the **Book of Common Prayer** and black copies of the **Holy Bible** are also found in the pew racks. Feel free to find the prayers and the scripture readings in these books.*

Prelude

Ringling of the Calling Bell

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal, no. 390

Lobe den Herren: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.**

Gloria *(spoken at 8:00am)*

BCP, p. 356

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

Gloria (*sung at 10:00am*)

BCP, p. 356 or Hymnal no. S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 229

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated for the reading of the lessons.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Reader A reading from Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran;

and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 33:1-12

BCP, p. 626

Reader: Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Reader A reading from Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation:

EOM2, 120

Mxadana: "Alleluia"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has

just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Kate Maxwell, OSB

After a period of silent reflection, please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
and has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer, p. 61

Deacon

Wondrous God, we offer our prayers to you in hope and confidence as we respond to “Lord in your mercy” with “hear our prayer”.

Intercessor

For the whole church of God, that we might strive to be as one, as our God is one, that we might fulfill your call to ceaselessly give witness to the power of Christ's example and persevere in continuing his ministry of reconciliation and healing.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to hold our leaders accountable to the possibility of hope and transformation; grant them wisdom and courage to work for the greatest good for all people.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the creation, we might be effective stewards and use the abundant resources you have given us wisely and sustainably.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that we might discern your will for us and deploy the gifts you have given us to build the kingdom of God through our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing to what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those important to us; help all who suffer that they may find release from their anguish and wholeness in their souls. (*We invite your prayers either silently or aloud.*)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and grant us entry into your eternal presence in the age to come.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider

God of mystery, God of love, surround us and fill us with your grace, embolden us to be your agents of love in a hurting world, and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 359

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP, p. 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Balm in Gilead: "Sometimes I feel discouraged"

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please stand as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer

Iona Eucharistic Prayer, adapted

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ, and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus (*spoken at 8:00am; sung at 10:00am*)

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal, no. S-129

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Celebrant

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given to you. Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body and your blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole.

And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

He whose table was open to all is now present in this bread. He whose word welcomed friend and stranger offers friendship through this cup.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him.

So come to this table

you who have much faith,

and you who would like to have more;

you who have been to this table often,

and you who have not been for a long time;

you who have tried to follow Jesus,

and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at God's table. One may receive the sacrament either at the foot of the stairs leading to the Chancel or at the communion rail. We use gluten, dairy and soy free bread for communion. We also use real wine. Receiving the sacrament in one kind (either the bread or the wine) is both wholly appropriate and fully efficacious.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal, no. 325

Let Us Break Bread: "Let us break bread together on our knees"

Post-communion Prayer

Iona

People and Celebrant

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hymnal, no. 493

Azmon: "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us following worship as we gather in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and hearty fellowship. If you are a guest this morning, please introduce yourself to one of the ushers or to one of our clergy. We would delight in getting to know you better.

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Altar Flowers

Our flowers today are given for the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for St. John's Altar Guild and the leadership of Emily Waymire, by Graydon and Shelly Page.

Service Participants

Celebrants	The Gathered People of God
Altar Guild	Pat Pickering, Kelly DeSmet
Greeters	TBD (8:00) Virginia Johnston, Amy Okaya (10:00)
Crucifer	Nick Pearson (10:00)
Verger	Dennis Thoemke
Lectors	Debra Smith (8:00) Derrill Pankow (10:00)
Ushers	Marschall Smith (8:00) Barb Livermont, Mark Sears (10:00)
Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Hove, Mike DeMars(8:00) Hugh McTavish, Rosa Sears, Andrew McClaren (10:00)
Hospitality	Lisa Brock
Livestream	Carrie Thomas
Music Minister	Alec Watson
Intern	Chris Lilley
Deacon	The Rev. Margaret Thor
Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Kate Maxwell, OSB
Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Brad Hauff

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