

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
AUGUST 22, 2021 AT 10:00AM



WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by clicking the QR Code below or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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Worship sources used in today's service include:

BCP: Book of Common Prayer
EOW: Enriching Our Worship

HYMN: 1982 Hymnal
LEVAS: Lift Every Voice and Sing

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Convent Window

JOANNA ROSS HERSEY

OPENING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

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OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing)*

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.*

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18 *(please be seated for the readings)*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 34:15-22 (*read responsively*)

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
²⁰ He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
²² The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:56-69 (*please remain standing*)

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)**BCP 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 man. *(pause)*
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV *(please kneel if you are able)*

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift up Christ Church, Coudersport, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we pray for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; we pray also for all those serving in the armed forces; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Amy Swiernik, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole N., Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Geta, Hank, Jill Healey, Joanna Torres, Ken Debowski, Ken Kiedrowski, Kerry Cater, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Sandy Grove, and Tiny Nolan; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION

EOW 56

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

FRANZ SCHUBERT

THE DOXOLOGY

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

HYMN 380 (v.3)**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER 2****EOW 60**

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, heav'n and earth are filled with 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

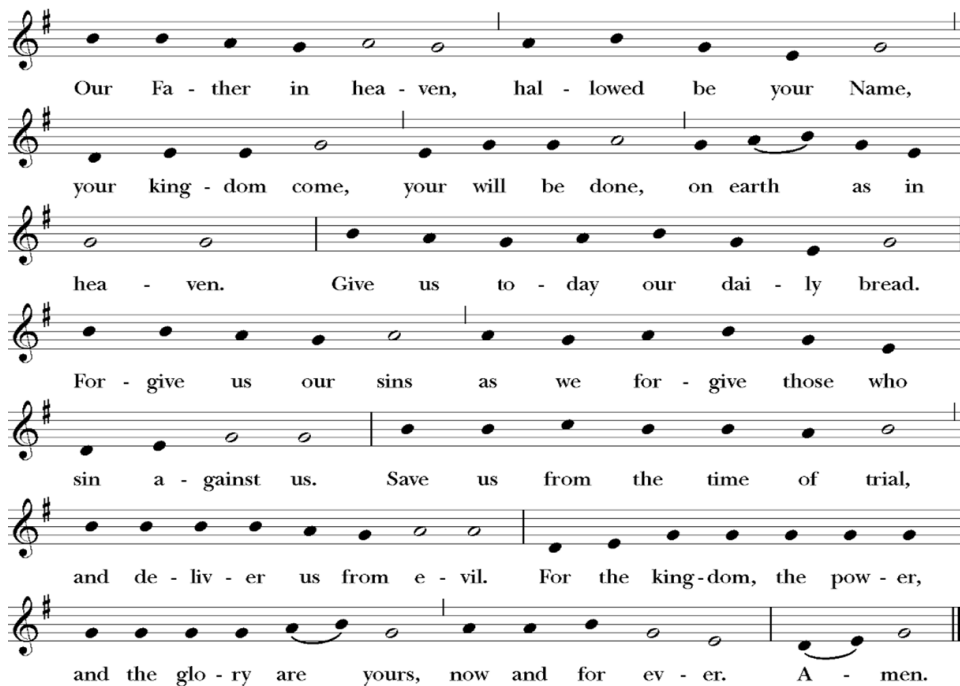
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 364

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

THE INVITATION

BCP 365

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 70

Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE CLOSING HYMN

The Church's one foundation

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Sonata for Piano and Tuba

WALTER SEAR



The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Alan Tobie by Sue Tobie.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Cody Messersmith is an avid performer and educator in and around the state of Pennsylvania. Messersmith performs regularly as a multi-instrumentalist (euphonium, tuba) and vocalist. He currently serves as an Intermediate Music Specialist in the Dallastown Area School District. In addition to teaching public school, Cody serves as the Director of Youth Choirs at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in York, PA. Messersmith currently enjoys a prosperous freelance performing career, performing with many local and regional ensembles. Aside from teaching and performing as a low brass specialist, Cody has a great passion for singing; from contemporary a cappella to opera, he has probably either listened to, seen live, or performed it all! Messersmith holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Marywood University (Scranton, PA) and currently pursues graduate studies through Penn State University. When not performing or teaching music, Cody can be found running, cycling, or watching Disney movies with his canine companion, Remus.

FAIREST LORD JESUS

HYMN 383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

Words: German composite; tr. pub. New York, 1850, alt.

Music: *St. Elizabeth*, melody from *Schleische Volkslieder*, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove;
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

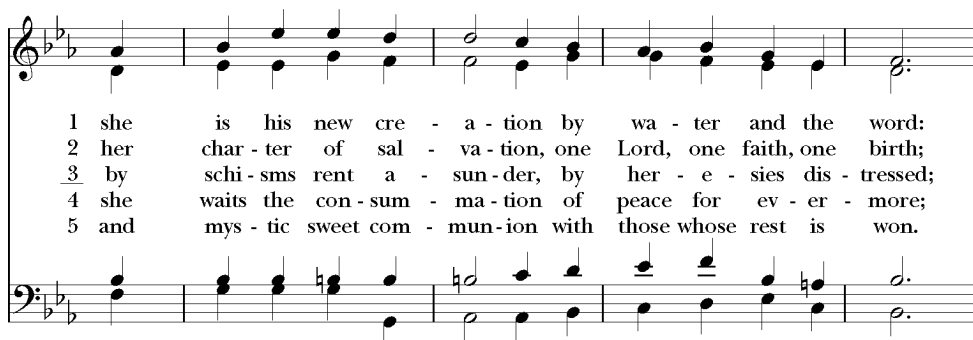
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

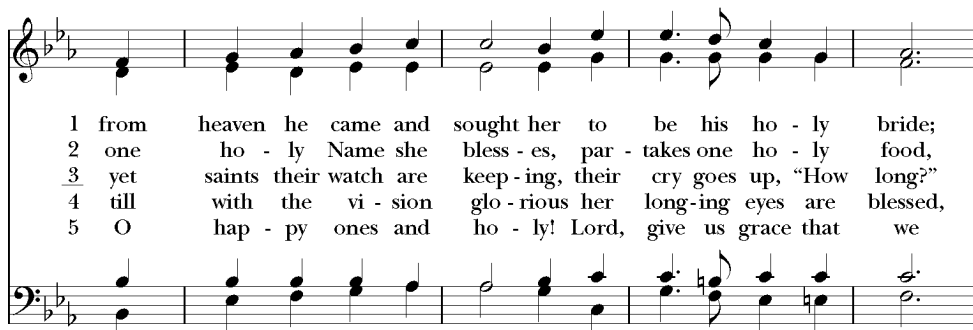
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!



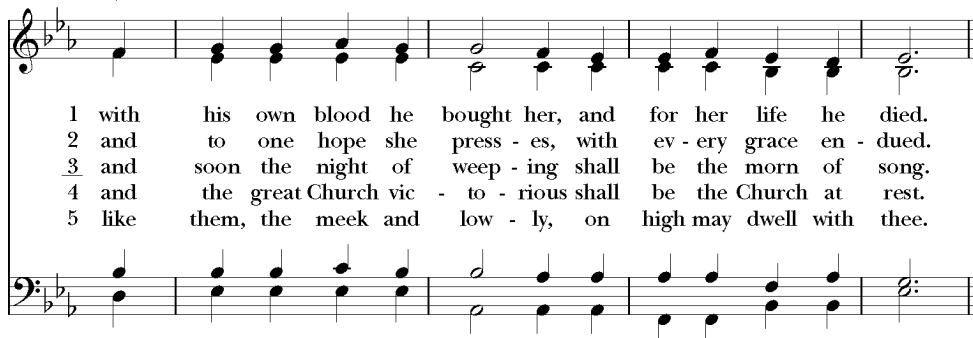
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Families with students age PreK- Grade 8 are invited to visit the church school rooms, see what's new, explore, do a craft, and get excited for the church school year! We are looking forward to seeing you all again!

HOMECOMING SUNDAY
AUGUST 29, 2021 • 9:00 - 10:00



A collection of school supplies including a blue alarm clock, a red pencil, a blue pencil, a blue ruler, a purple notebook, and a pair of blue scissors, all arranged on a bright yellow background.

St. John's Episcopal Church
presents our annual:

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 29, 2021
during 10:15am service



UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S:

TODAY

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)
11:00 a.m.	Eagle’s Nest Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m.	Martha’s Ministry (Knitters)
2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
5:00 p.m.	VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

12:05 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (Chapel)
7:00 p.m.	Summer Choir Practice

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

2:30 p.m.	Food Pantry
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Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)
NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

SUMMER “PICK-UP” CHOIR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

Join in the fun this summer by participating in the **Summer “Pick-Up” (or volunteer) choir Sunday, August 29**. You don’t have to be a choir member — just have a love of singing! We will sing “On Eagle’s Wings” with practice Wednesday, Aug. 25, evening at 7:00 p.m. and then meeting on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room for a final run-through. Regular choir rehearsals will then continue every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. for all interested in joining the choir!

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

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VESTRY

Webb Cook (Senior Warden), Leslie Morgan (Junior Warden), Debbie Carter,
John Gouveia, Annie Lattanzio Hale, Tim Huber, Molly Moyer, Marylee
Sauder, Mary Waskowicz, Joe Way

STAFF

Equilla Curry, Parish Administrator

Gina Keiser, Financial Secretary

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Douglas Beach, Minister of Music

PRIESTS AND CANONS ASSOCIATED WITH ST. JOHN'S

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The Rev. Elizabeth Mollard

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Lector

Litanist

Steeple Bell Ringer

Altar Guild

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GROW IN GOD, ACT IN SERVICE, WITNESS IN LOVE