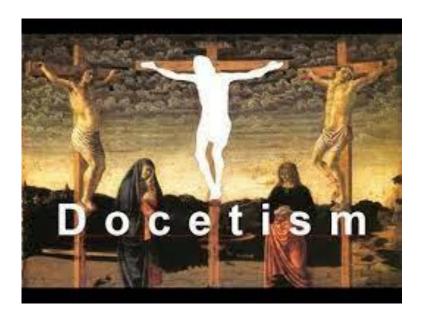
# Welcome to St. John's Church



# **The Third Sunday After Pentecost**

June 26, 2022 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

#### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God and Celebration of the Holy Communion

Out of concern for our children, and our immuno-compromised members, we ask that all continue to wear masks while in the church.

Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.

Please return them after the Service.

#### **Organ Prelude**

# The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell



#### The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

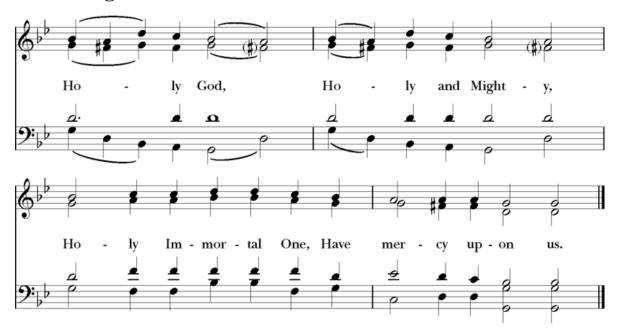
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says

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 Trisagion S # 102



# The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Readings

INTRODUCTION: From the Hebrew Bible, we hear the story of the taking up of the prophet Elijah into heaven and the passing on of his powers to Elisha.

# A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (2:1-2, 6-14)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 the congregation is invited to stand and sing the Metrical Psalm

I cry aloud to God,
 I cry aloud in prayer;

 All day and night I seek the Lord
 And find no comfort there.

2. I will remember now

The works that God has done

- And think of all God's mighty acts
  And ponder every one.
- 3. Your way is holy, Lord;
  What gods compare with you?You show the world your wondrous works;
  We see what you can do.
- 4. Your strength, O God, has saved
  The people you hold dear;
  The waters trembled and the depths
  Saw you and shook with fear.
- 5. Your thunder shook the skies
  And clouds poured down the rain;
  The lightening flashed, the thunder rolled,
  Earth trembled yet again.
- 6. Your footprints, yet unseen,Led through the mighty deep;Moses and Aaron led your ownAs shepherds lead their sheep.

INTRODUCTION: In this second Reading, St. Paul describes the character of Christian freedom.

# A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (5:1, 13-25)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who

belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: In this morning's Gospel we hear how Jesus on his way to Jerusalem encounters opposition and misunderstanding, and then speaks with several would-be disciples.

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (16:12-15) People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will

follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge "Docetism: second part of 'A Month of Heresies'"

# The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,

and born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

Through the offering of our prayers, we witness our love for our neighbors, and our concern for one another. Therefore, our response to each petition is, "O Lord, hear our prayer."

#### The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For the ability to discern that which harms the soul from that which enlightens the spirit, so that we may choose spiritual goods over material wealth, and the way of Jesus over earthly pleasures; let us pray to the Lord.

# O Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the passion to follow Christ with our whole heart and soul and mind, accepting his invitation to share in his ministry and to be spent in a life of service to others; let us pray to the Lord.

# O Lord, hear our prayer.

+ In thanksgiving for those who give their lives for others: peacemakers throughout the world, volunteers in soup kitchens and shelters, vestry members, church volunteers, and all who serve through non-profit organizations throughout the world; let us pray to the Lord.

#### O Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For the Church, that she may be known and respected for her work with poor and marginalized, with young and old, the weak and the strong, and all who seek her help and sustenance; let us pray to the Lord.

# O Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That we may stand firm in our own faith, rooted in Christ's death and resurrection, bearing witness to his incarnate life in our lives, and proclaiming the promises of God's reign in our service to one another; let us pray to the Lord.

# O Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For those who have died in the defense of their country, remembering especially the soldiers dying in Ukraine, that they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace; let us pray to the Lord.

# O Lord, hear our prayer.

Upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, let us pause to add to our own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

# The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen*.

#### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession

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.

The Priest, stands and says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

#### The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2





# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with

them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

#### **Sanctus S # 130**

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 congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you,

from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

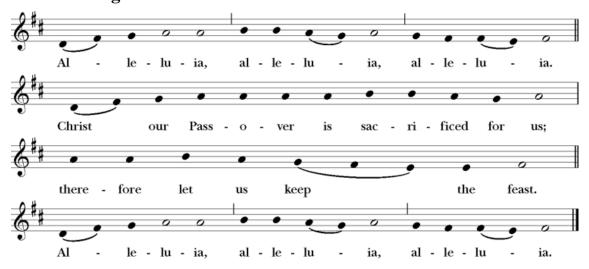
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

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

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.

#### The Breaking of the Bread S # 154



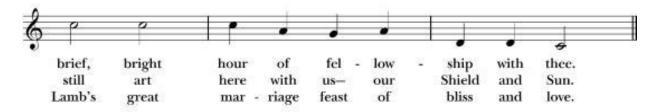
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.





for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive the Holy Eucharist, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

#### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

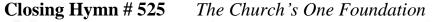
#### Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Priest gives the blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen*.







Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# **Organ Postlude**

**FOOD DRIVE:** St. John's is beginning to organize another communitywide Food Drive to help restock the shelves at the Warren/Washington Food Bank. If you would like to help, see MB Witt or Fr. Geoff.

#### **Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Celebrant Tom Brand, Organist & Choirmaster Emily D'Souza, Assisting Organist Laura Daly, Chalicer Tom Hollinger, 8:00 Reader Ann Hodgman, 10:00 Reader Larry Littlefield, Vee jay (VJ) Corinne Johnson, MB Witt: Altar Guild

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