

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"Jesus teaching in the synagogue" Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, 1621-1674*

## The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost:

*July 7, 2024*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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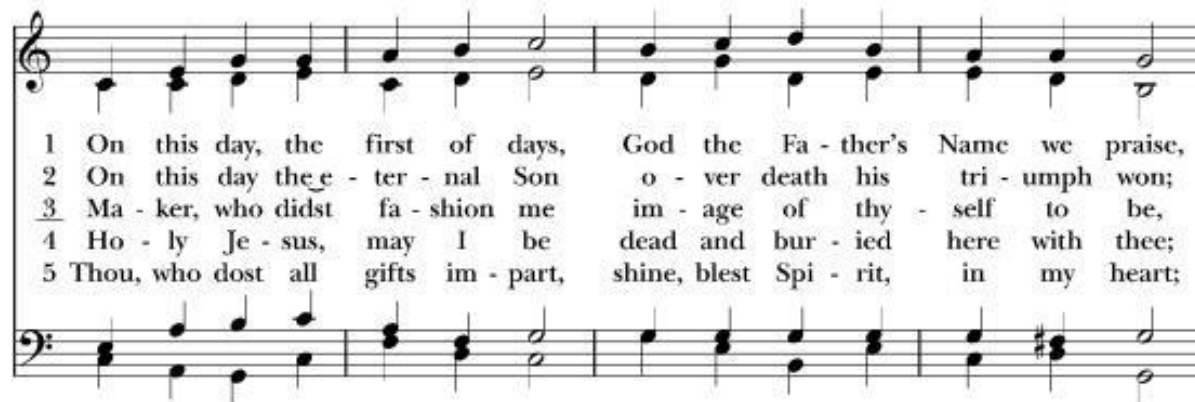
# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

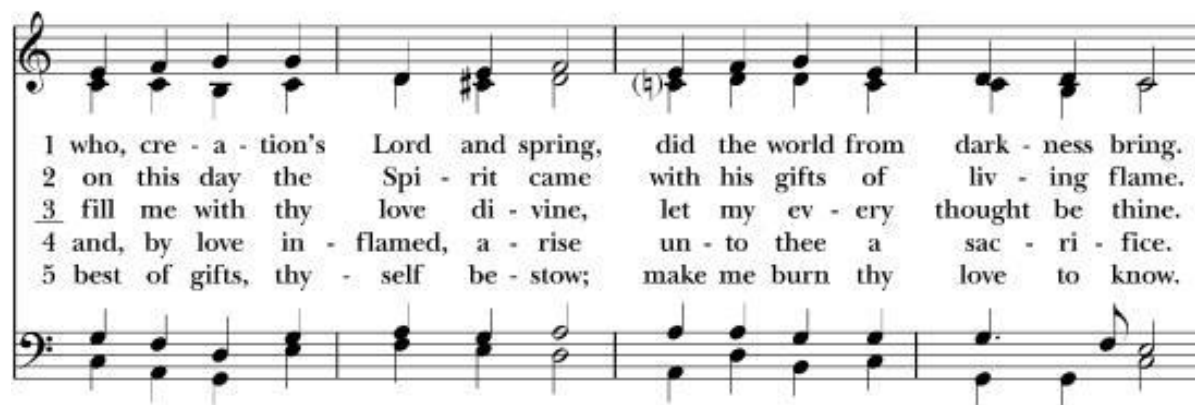
## Organ Prelude

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

## Opening Hymn # 47 *On this day, the first of days*



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,  
dwell within my heart alone;  
thou dost give thyself to me:  
help me give myself to thee.

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

*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 musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: In our first lesson we hear the culmination of the narrative charting the rise of King David.*

#### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (5:1-5,9-10)**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before

the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 48**

*the congregation is invited to join in reciting the Psalm*

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.***
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.***
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.***
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.***
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.***
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.***
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.***
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.***
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.***
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.***

**11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.**

**12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.**

**13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.**

*INTRODUCTION: In this epistle lesson Paul tells of both exaltation and infirmity, and the discovery of a strength that comes through weakness.*

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:2-10)**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn # 635**

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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

*INTRODUCTION: In our gospel story Jesus returns to his hometown and finds suspicion and lack of faith.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
 according to St. Mark (6:1-13)**

*People                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and

began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*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

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the 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 of 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**

Come, let us join together in praising God, as we offer our prayers and petitions, responding, "O Lord, hear our prayer."

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

+ Holy Spirit, pour your generosity into our hearts, that we may reach out to others in love and service, bringing hope to those living with anxiety and despair, and the

bread of life that never fails to those who are hungry, lonely, and fearful; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

+ Heavenly Father, author of creation, the fruits of the earth are beautiful to our eyes, and delightful to our taste; help us to honor what your hands have fashioned; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

+ Jesus, Word made flesh, help us take to heart God's grace and let us know that it is sufficient for all our endeavors; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

+ Redeemer of the world, banish the unclean spirits of this generation, that war and deprivation may cease, and that through the power of your Holy Spirit the world may receive your unwavering peace; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

+ Spirit of Truth, help us to see our sins and to dispel their power, that we may turn to your forgiveness, and bear witness to your liberating love; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

+ Father of all mercies, your breath animated creation; bring eternal life to those who now rest in faith, that at the last they may rise to the life immortal; let us pray to the Lord.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

In the company of angels, archangels, and all the saints, let us continue our prayers, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord God Almighty, who has made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.*

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 God 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*

### **Offertory Hymn # 380**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



## The Great Thanksgiving

God 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 God.*

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus S # 125**

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

**The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

***We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.***

*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***

*INSTRUCTIONS: Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.*

*If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the usher know.*

**Communion Hymn # 315**      *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

***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 Priest may bless the people*

The Wisdom of God  
 the Love of God  
 and the Grace of God  
 strengthen you  
 to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
 in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.* (source: Celtic)

**Closing Hymn # 388**    *O worship the King, all glorious above*

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

### Organ Postlude

### Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant & Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Michael Del Nin: *10:00 First Reader*

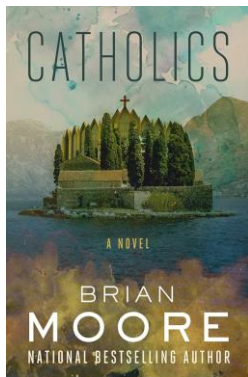
Paige Del Nin: *10:00 Second Reader*

Laura Daly: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Susie Magee: *Altar Guild*

MB Witt, Susan McFeeley: *Coffee Hosts*



## ST. JOHN'S READING CLUB

### CURRENT SELECTION

Brian Moore's *"Catholics: A Novel"*  
 to gather for a Group Discussion via ZOOM  
**Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.!**

The parable-like *Catholics* is a futuristic tale of ecclesiastical politics and moral questioning. Written in 1972 and set in the near future, it features a world where the Catholic Church has gone beyond Vatican II and has now abandoned almost all its mysteries for a more secular form of worship. Confession, along with the traditional Latin Mass has been banned, in preparation for a merging of the Christian and Buddhist faiths. There is, however, resistance from a remote Irish Abbey which continues with the old traditions.