

Welcome to St. John's Church



"The Basket of Bread," Salvador Dali (1945)

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost:

*August 11, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 493

O for a Thousand Tongues to sing

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Canticle: The Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

(sung together in unison)

*Come, let us sing to God on high,
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Come with thanksgiving to his courts
And joyful psalms before him raise.*

*For God is Lord above all gods,
The heights and depths are in his hand;
He made the sea and it is his,
His hands have molded the dry land.*

*Let us bow down and worship him
Who is our maker and our Lord;
We are his people and his sheep;
Today, then, hearken to his Word.*

Psalm # 130

the congregation is invited to join in reciting the Psalm

*1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*

*2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.*

*3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.*

*4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.*

*5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.*

*6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.*

*7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.*

*8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!*

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our opening lesson David orders his most trusted military commanders to crush a coup led by Absalom, his son.

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel: (18:5-9, 15, 31-33)

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 685

Rock of Ages, Cleft for me

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

INTRODUCTION: In this lesson Christians are urged to conform to a new way of life which is pleasing to the Holy Spirit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians: (4:25-5:2)

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 301*Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

INTRODUCTION: Our third Reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse on the bread of life.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (6:35, 41-51)

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down

from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Sara Coles, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people may wish to be seated

Officiant and People

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 Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

V. Look upon your congregation;
R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*

V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;
R. *So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring

those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

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
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love*

*in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

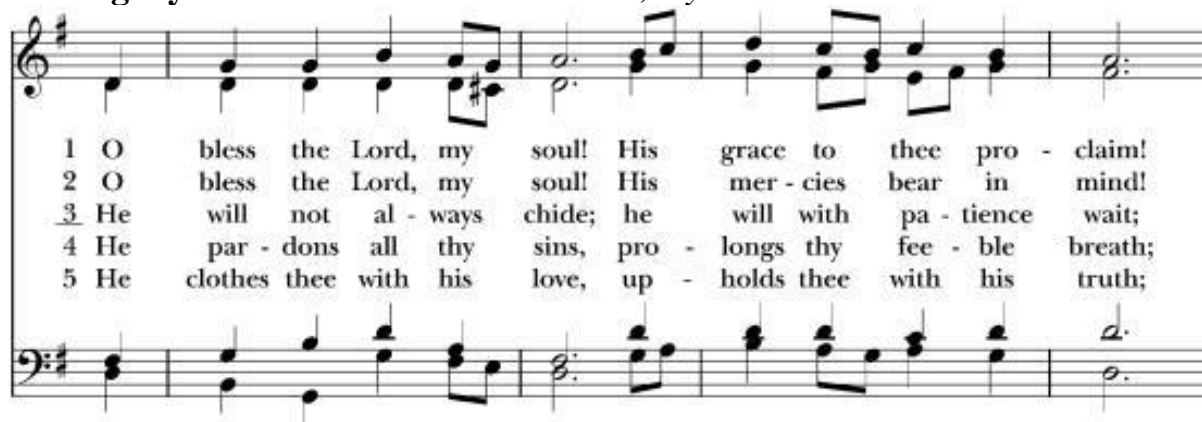
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 411 *O bless the Lord, my Soul*



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O bless the Lord, my Soul". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with five lines of text corresponding to the five verses of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim! 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind! 3 He will not al-ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait; 4 He par-dons all thy sins, pro-longs thy fee-ble breath; 5 He clothes thee with his love, up-holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

- Mary Davis: *10:00 Worship Leader*
- Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Worship Leader*
- Tom Brand: *Organist/Pianist*
- Sara Coles: *Lay Preacher*
- John Magee: *8:00 Reader*
- Justin Ormand: *10:00 Reader*
- Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*
- MB Witt, Corrine Johnson: *Coffee Hour*
- Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer: *Ushers*

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

*St. John's Episcopal Church
Friday, September 6th, 2024
11:30-5:30*

On behalf of the Washington Council of Congregations, St. John's will be hosting a Blood Drive in September. The Red Cross will soon be taking appointments for that event. To make an appointment, go online:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

