

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"The Judgement of Solomon," Sebastiano del Piombo (1485-1547)*

## The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

*August 18, 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 # 7 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-cous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

*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 voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord.

### 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.*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Readings

*INTRODUCTION: In our sequential reading from the Hebrew Bible, Solomon assumes the throne of his father David and asks for an understanding and discerning mind to govern God's people.*

#### **A Reading from the First Book of Kings (2:10-12, 3:3-14)**

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 111**

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

***1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.***

***2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.***

***3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.***

***4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.***

***5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.***

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

**7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.**

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

**9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.**

**10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading, the new Christians in Ephesus are urged to live wisely and, glad with songs, to give thanks for everything to God.*

### **A Reading from Ephesians (5:15-20)**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

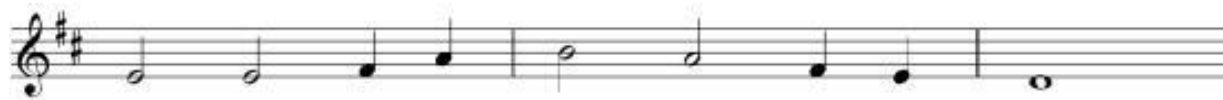
### **Gradual Hymn # 686** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

*INTRODUCTION: In our gospel Jesus speaks of the flesh and blood from the Son of Man as the bread from heaven which provides for eternal life.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
according to St. John (6:24-35)**

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

Jesus said, "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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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.”

*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**

God is our strength, our hope in times of trouble, our shield when joy abounds. In thanksgiving for God's abiding presence, we offer our prayers and respond to each petition by saying, "Savior, be with us."

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

+ In thanksgiving for the immigrants in our midst, whose different experiences and understandings bring freshness and vitality to the life of the Church, reawakening our imagination in proclaiming the gospel; let us pray.

***Savior, be with us.***

+ In thanksgiving for the gift of free will and the ability to choose our direction in life; may God grant us the wisdom to seek after those things which arm us with the power of faith, justice, and truth; let us pray.

***Savior, be with us.***

+ For those preparing to return to schools and colleges, that they may be given a lively curiosity and a keen desire for inquiry and knowledge; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ That honesty will prevail in local and national governments and institutions, leading to peaceful resolutions to longstanding disputes, and social development that lifts the poor from hunger and despair; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ For those who are ill, in hospitals, nursing facilities, or at home, that they may be freed from their physical burdens and receive spiritual health; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ For those who have died in the faith of Christ, may they rise to eternal glory; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the world, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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.

## 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**



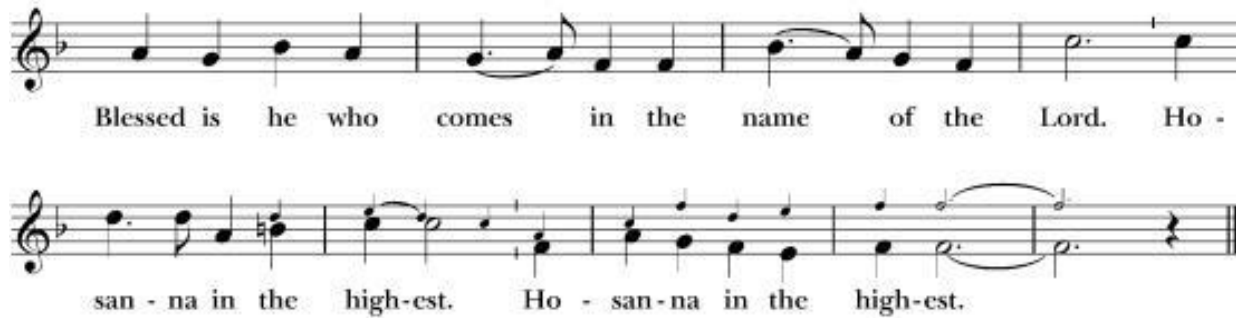
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



**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 # 321

*My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the  
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall  
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

*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 # 344**    *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear note values and rests.

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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*

Emily Dsouza: *Organist*

Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Corrine Johnson, Camille Gillespie: *Altar Guild*

Laura Daly: *Coffee Host*

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>

