

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*"The Queen of Sheba before the Temple of King Solomon in Jerusalem,"  
Salomon de Bray (c. 1630-1634)*

## The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

*August 25, 2024  
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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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 # 423 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and an organ accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth 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**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

**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.*

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 Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: In our reading from the Hebrew Bible, Solomon prays that the newly built temple in Jerusalem may be a house for the Lord's gracious presence.*

### **A Reading from the First Book of Kings (8:1, 6, 8, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43)**

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth

may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 84**

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

*1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \**

*My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*

*2 The sparrow has found her a house*

*and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

*3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \**

*they will always be praising you.*

*4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \**

*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

*5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*

*6 They will climb from height to height, \**

*and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*

*7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \**

*hearken, O God of Jacob.*

*8 Behold our defender, O God; \**

*and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

*9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \**

*and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \**

*he will give grace and glory;*

*11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \**

*from those who walk with integrity.*

*12 O Lord of hosts, \**

*happy are they who put their trust in you!*

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading, the new Christians in Ephesus are encouraged to put on the whole armor of God in order to defend themselves from the powers of the world.*

**A Reading from 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.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn # 529** *In Christ There is No East or West*

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples East of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are



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

*INTRODUCTION: In our sequential gospel reading about the bread of life, many of Jesus' disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
 according to St. John (6:56-69)**

*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."

*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**

May the offering of our prayers rise as incense to heaven, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Savior, be with us."

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

+ For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura, Bishops of this diocese, and for all who exercise ordained leadership in the community of faith, that they may be given wisdom and discernment in living out their vocation; let us pray.

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

+ That our President and his advisors may exercise judgment with insight, and encourage a fruitful peace that brings hope to the people of the poorest nations of the world; let us pray.

***Savior, be with us***

+ That we may refrain from gossip and evil speech, and put aside excessive behaviors that harm body and soul, offering ourselves to God so that his abundant love may grow in the heart of the world; let us pray.

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

+ For the Church, that God will cleanse it from all unrighteousness, protect and govern it by goodness, and unite its many factions into one witness to Christ; let us pray.

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



+ For our children, and all the children in the world, that they may be surrounded by the love of family and friends, receive the basic necessities of life, and be set free from fear; let us pray.

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

+ That the dead may rise to a glorious life; let us pray.

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

+ In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, whereby we are strengthened by the Living Bread to be for one another a living people; let us pray.

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

Christ, have mercy upon us as we continue to offer our prayers and thanksgivings, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



**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 # 313**      *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

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 LEVAS # 109**

*What a Friend We have in Jesus*

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?

1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Mary Davis: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Sara Coles: *Altar Guild*

Veronique Dulack: *Coffee Host*

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