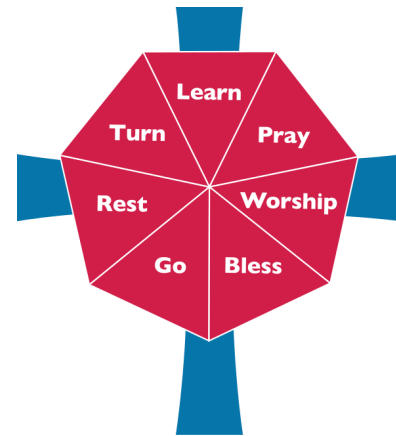


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**

**JULY 7, 2024
11:00 AM**



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. You bless us with your presence. We hope you will join us again. We invite all of our visitors to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and place it in the narthex.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

This service is broadcast online and recorded on YouTube.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 388: “O Worship the King”

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.*

Hymn 556 Verse 1: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

The First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from Ezekiel:

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

Chanted by the Choir and Congregation

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from 2nd Corinthians:

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 707: “ Take My Life and Let It Be”

The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon - The Reverend Rohani Weger

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you have called your people to be an abiding flame of hope in a world that hungers for peace and reconciliation. We pray to the Lord, saying “Come Holy Spirit.”

Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Give us grace to be messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

May your holy presence empower your people to proclaim your truth. We pray especially for the ministers of this congregation, both lay and clergy, and of the greater Church. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

May your holy presence fill our nation and our elected leaders with compassion and justice, may they exercise their power with wisdom. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

May your holy presence enable all nations seek to serve the common good of all humanity, we pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

May your holy presence open our ears to hear and our hearts to understand the needs of our community and our environment. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

May your holy presence spread your flame of hope and comfort on those who suffer from any affliction so that they may find consolation and healing. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

Risen Lord, we commend those who have died to your eternal care and joy, especially the victims of violence. We pray to the Lord,
Come Holy Spirit

The clergy offer special intercessions for those listed on the prayer list. A brief period of silence is provided for the congregation to offer their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who transforms our lives and makes us new. Hear our prayers which we offer in confidence and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

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At the Offertory, Anthem: “Hymn of Promise” -Natalie Sleeth

Hymn 380, Verse 3: “The Doxology”

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord 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 our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**** Words of consecration . . .*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

WLP 858: "Sanctus" *-Buchanan*

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

**** Words of consecration . . .*

... Therefore according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Then the Celebrant continues

**** Words of consecration . . .*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

WLP 863: "Great Amen" *-Maultsby*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Fraction Anthem: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living word!

Teach me to live, dear Lord, only for thee,
As thy disciples lived in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er, then, victory won,
I shall behold thee, Lord, the living one.

Celebrant 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.

During Communion WLP: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

Blessing

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Final Hymn 690: “ Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

After the service, you are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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