



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

July 5, 2026

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's service follows the red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew or in the bulletin. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

The Word of God

Prelude

Please take your seat as the music begins and prepare yourself quietly for worship.

Processional Hymn: H 11, "Awake, my soul"

Morning Hymn

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Gloria: S 280, "Glory to God"

Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day

Proper 9, BCP, p. 230

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command

peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Response: Psalm 145:8-15, *Exaltabo te, Deus*

BCP, p. 802

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * **slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone * **and his compassion is over all his works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord, * **and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom * **and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power * **and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * **your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words * **and merciful in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall; * **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gospel Hymn: H 657, "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hyfrydol

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Prayers are adapted from Gail Ramshaw, ed., Intercessions for the Christian People (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1990). If you'd like to add a loved one to the parish prayer list, please contact clergy or the parish office.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin
Absolution

BCP, p. 360
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The Peace

BCP, p. 360

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.

As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check or use the QR code at right to donate online. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.



The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, vs. 3 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus: S 129, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

Prayer B (cont.) BCP, p. 368

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

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

Fraction Anthem: S 161, "Lamb of God" *Agnus Dei*

Communion BCP, p. 365

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. The ushers will invite you forward to receive the blessings that come from God's altar. To receive the wafer, extend one hand over the other. If you wish to receive the wine, take a sip by guiding the offered chalice to your lips. Dipping the wafer into the wine yourself is not permitted. The bishop's customary requires the minister to do it for you. If you wish the minister to intinct, make a dipping motion or point to the minister when you approach. If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.

The table belongs to the Lord and the invitation comes from God. There are many kinds of blessing that come from it. Please come forward to receive them.

Communion Hymn: H 302, "Father, we thank thee who hast planted" *Rendez a Dieu*

Post-Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: H 544, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" *Duke Street*

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robin Laskowski, by Kathryn Laskowski.

Our Next Treasurer? After many years of ministry, Tom McDermott will be stepping away from the office of Treasurer at the end of the year. Treasurers take charge of church funds and disburse funds under the direction of the Vestry. They maintain church accounts in accordance with the canons and report to the Vestry. Please join us in thanking Tom, and, if you think you might be called to this essential ministry, please contact Senior Warden Lisa Heller or Fr. Kevin.

Communicators and Organizers Needed. If you're interested in building up our online presence, or coordinating St. John's presence at Centreville Day, contact Fr. Kevin or Lisa Heller.

Save the Date: Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church, July 12. St. John's was consecrated July 14, 1854. We'll celebrate our birthday Sunday, July 12 with special readings and music, blessing of the many repairs and additions to our campus in recent months, and a festive coffee hour.

Bible Study on Break This Week. Join us for Summer with the Psalms! The book of Psalms is the Bible's hymnal, and a key to understanding all of Scripture. Each week, we read and discuss several of these vital songs. We've examined wisdom and lament psalms so far. We won't be meeting this week but will resume July 14-15 with penitential psalms. Contact Fr. Kevin or Lisa Heller for additional details.

Coffee Hour. Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Adult Lectionary Forum. The forum is on hiatus for the summer. We'll resume on August 23.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

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| Celebrant: | The Rev. Kevin Laskowski | Lector: | George Dewey |
| Music Director: | Mandy Hull | Alms Counters: | Katherine Lavery, Marcia Evans |
| Vestry Member: | Libby McCullough | Altar Guild: | Durinda Smith, Libby McCullough |
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