



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 8**

**June 28, 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](http://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 518, "Christ is made the sure foundation"

*Westminster Abbey*

### **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 8, BCP, p. 230*

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:** Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and

pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

**Response:** Psalm 89:1-4,15-18, *Misericordias Domini*

BCP, p. 713

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \* **from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \* **I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

'I will establish your line for ever, \* **and preserve your throne for all generations.**"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \* **they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.**

They rejoice daily in your Name; \* **they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength, \* **and by your favor our might is exalted.**

Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \* **the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

**Second Lesson:** Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** H 609, "Where cross the crowded ways of life"

*Gardiner*

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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, have mercy.**

## A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

BCP, p. 578

### Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

### Absolution

BCP, p. 360

### 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 656, "Blest are the pure in heart" *Franconia*

**Post-Communion Prayer** BCP, p. 365

### Announcements

### Blessing

**Recessional Hymn:** H 719, "O beautiful for spacious skies" *Materna*

**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 thanksgiving for Marcia and Dave Evans 55th wedding anniversary.

**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.** 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'll take a closer look at a few Psalms: songs of lament, praise, penitence, vengeance, and more. We meet Tuesday nights at 7 PM and Wednesdays at 11 AM for the summer, unless otherwise announced. 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.

**Visit Us!** For more information, visit [stjohnscentreville.org](http://stjohnscentreville.org) and subscribe to our E-notes.

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## TODAY'S MINISTERS

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| Celebrant:      | The Rev. Kevin Laskowski | Lector:        | Jerry Pankey             |
| Music Director: | Mandy Hull               | Alms Counters: | Penny Parker, Larry Pike |
| Vestry Member:  | George Dewey             | Altar Guild:   | Marie McDermott          |
| Acolyte:        | Julie Sullivan           | Usher:         | Lisa Heller              |

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

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