



# ST. JOHN'S

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 5**

**June 7, 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**

**Processional Hymn:** H686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

*Nettleton*

#### **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, "Gloria to God"

*Gloria in excelsis*

#### **Collect of the Day**

*Proper 5, BCP, p. 229*

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Children's Story**

*Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.*

#### **First Lesson:** Hosea 5:15-6:6

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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

**Response:** Psalm 50:7-15, *Deus deorum*

BCP, p. 654

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \* **for I am God, your God.**

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \* **your offerings are always before me.**

I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \* **nor he-goats out of your pens;**

For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \* **the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

I know every bird in the sky, \* **and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.**

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \* **for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \* **or drink the blood of goats?**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \* **and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble; \* **I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

**Second Lesson:** Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** H 281 "He sat to watch o'er customs paid"

*Breslau*

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then

suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.*

O gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

**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:** H641 “Lord Jesus, think on me”

*Southwell*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP, p. 365

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** H 567 “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

*St. Matthew*

**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 Harold Carver, by Craig Staresinich and Nita Amar.

**Ushers Meeting.** Ushers are ministers of God’s welcome, and we could use more! If you're an usher, or you're interested in serving as one, stick around after worship to check in, renew, and expand this important ministry.

**Save the Date: Centreville Day, October 17.** Centreville Day will be held October 17, 2026. This annual community celebration in the historic district features food trucks, local vendors, history, entertainment, and, of course, St. John's!

**Bible Study.** Join us in the library Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM and/or Thursday nights at 7:00 PM. Our journey through 1 Corinthians ends this week. Stay tuned for what’s next.

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

**Adult Lectionary Forum.** There will be no lectionary forum today.

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

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### TODAY’S MINISTERS

Celebrant: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski  
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