

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Welcome to St. John's! We are glad you have joined us today. Everything you need is in this leaflet or the blue Hymnal 1982 found in the pew. We invite you to prepare for worship in silent prayer during the prelude, and we encourage you to participate throughout this liturgy in singing the hymns and service music and saying the portions in bold type. Prompts are provided for you to stand, sit, or kneel where appropriate and as you are able.*

**Prelude** Méditation Jehan de Montber (1875–1934)

**Welcome and Announcements, seated**

*All rise at the sound of the bell.*

**Hymn 539** "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling" *Tidings*

#### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. 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.**

**Glory to God S-280** *Gloria in excelsis* R. Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*You may be seated.*

### The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** *Dilexi, quoniam*

*Read responsively*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for

a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord

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

**Sequence Hymn 455, *standing as able*** "O Love of God, how strong and true *Dunedin*

**The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas

*Silence for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed, *standing as able***

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

In the assurance that God hears our prayers, we boldly ask for God's grace and mercy for the world and for ourselves.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for those living in areas of conflict and for those who are at peace with their neighbors.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church and all who serve the mission of Christ in this world.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parish and the communities in which we live and work. May we strive to be good neighbors to those whose lives are so closely linked with ours.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all created things, for the earth and every living thing that calls this planet home. May we have the courage to repair and protect our environment and all endangered species.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in need of our prayers, the poor and neglected, the refugee and the immigrant, those on our parish prayer list and those we name...; and we give thanks for healers, therapists, social workers, and all those in helping professions.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for comfort for those who mourn, and we pray for all who have died, remembering especially those we name...; and we give thanks for the blessing and the memories of those who have gone before us.

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those we have asked aloud and those we hold in our hearts, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand, kneel, or sit as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* 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**, *standing as able*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
You may be seated following the exchange of the Peace.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Offertory Sentence**

**Hymn 686**

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

*Nettleton*

**Presentation**

*The congregation’s gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table.  
Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**Sanctus S-129**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

R. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may remain standing or you may kneel or sit as is your preference.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**The Lord's Prayer, said by all**

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem S-163**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

R. Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### The Invitation to Communion

*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.

*All are welcome at God's table no matter where you are in your walk with Christ. If you need gluten-free bread, simply ask the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate that by crossing your hands over your chest when you come to the altar rail. The first chalice following the bread is for you to drink the wine. The second is if you choose to dip (or intinct) the wafer in the wine. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

**Hymn 321** "My God, thy table now is spread" *Rockingham*

### Prayer after Communion, *standing as able*

*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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

**Hymn 741** "Come, labor on" *Ora Labora*

### The Dismissal

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

**Postlude** Postlude in C Jehan de Montber (1875–1934)

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.*

## St. John's Prayer List

*Holding each other's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice that characterizes our life together at St. John's. In our worship services, we pray each other's prayers together. Outside of our time together many parishioners make it part of their daily lives to pray the prayers of the parish community. You are invited to participate in your own way.*

### Thanks be to God

**for the members** of the St. John's Vestry;  
**for Elly Rothrock** with blessings on her graduation from Moravian University;  
**for those discerning a call** to serve this community more deeply;  
**for the generosity of this congregation** in pledging and giving;  
**for all the blessings of our lives**, and for the faith, fellowship, and ministries of this parish;

### Your prayers are requested

**for a resolution to the spread of Ebola** in the Congo;  
**for an end to the war in Iran**;  
**for a path to sustained peace** in Israel, Palestine, Russia, and Ukraine;  
**for an end** to political and hate-fueled violence in our public spaces;  
**for the elected leaders of the United States** that they will govern with wisdom, compassion, and concern for the poor and outcast;  
**for lasting peace to come** to areas of violence in our world, especially Sudan, Nigeria, and Congo;  
**for an end to gun violence in this country** and the courage for each of us to work toward that;  
**for all LGBTQI+ people** who face bias and violence each and every day;  
**for members and friends of the parish** who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble, including Eileen Aiken, Ed Birch, Reginald Brulotte, Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, JoAnne Connor, Bea Comstock, Tony Custodio, Evelyn, Sherley Fergusson, Nancy Gould, Hazel, Erin Kraten, Dorothy Rider, Leona Savoie, Dione Solan, Gary Young, Jean Shaw, Nancy, and Mel Chaney, Ken, Benjamin, and Chris Woodside;

*Please note that any names on the prayer list will remain for a period of one month. At the end of each calendar month, the list will be cleared. If you would like to continue to have a name on the list, please contact the office after the first of the month.*

**for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut**, including St. Paul's, Norwalk; All Saints with Christ, Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich;  
**for the Anglican Communion**, including the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

### We commend to God's never-failing care

**those who have died**, remembering especially Bill Huther; the dead in the Ebola outbreak; the civilians and military personnel who have died in wars around the world; the dead in the ongoing violence in Sudan, Congo, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Gaza; in gun violence around this country; those who are dying in climate-related disasters; immigrants who have died seeking a better life; and for U.S. civilians and service personnel who have died in the line of duty;

**and all whom we love but see no more.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Today! Join us for Second Sundays** at 4:30 as we celebrate Supper Church in a family-friendly gathering of fellowship, food and fun!

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### **Tuesday: Bible Studies and Midday Eucharist**

**Morning Bible study** continues on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. with our study of Luke's gospel. Bring your bible and your questions!

**Holy Eucharist** is also on Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. in the chancel (choir area) of the church.

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**Coming soon on June 28:** Folk Melodies for a Weary World: An Evening with Paul Loether

All donations raised from this concert will go directly to Bill's Blessings, our free store that is open every Tuesday night for our Soup Kitchen guests. Scan the code here for more details and to reserve your spot!



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### **Westbrook Food Pantry Needs**

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for our neighbors at the Westbrook Food Pantry. Donations are collected each Sunday after morning services.

For one more week we will collect **canned fruit**.

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### **Bill's Blessings**

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the support of our parishioners, we continue to provide basic necessities to our Soup Kitchen guests.

For one more week we will collect **shaving cream**.

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The Parish Office will be **closed next Friday, June 19**, in honor of Juneteenth.

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**TUESDAYS** | Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

**TUESDAYS** | Midweek Holy Eucharist — 11:15 a.m.

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