



July 26, 2026

Proper 12 - Track 2

Holy Eucharist — Rite II

9 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may receive from the common cup by drinking directly from the cup or handing the host to the LEM (the person giving you the cup). They will then dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. You may also choose to just consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Nametags are available in the pews. Please participate by wearing one so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ruth and Roman Hill and Lucille and Ralph Simmons
by Ruth Simmons.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules.

*The Gift of Lore*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #594

God of Grace and God of Glory

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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.**

GLORIA

Taizé Chant

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia. *repeat*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he

walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*together*)

Psalm 119:129-136

LEM Please join me in praying portions of Psalm 119, as found in the bulletin.

**Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #482

Lord of All Hopefulness

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Remain standing.* Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

A brief silence is observed following the sermon.

LEM Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the words
of 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.**

Remain standing or kneel as able.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION *Kneeling, spoken together.*

BCP 360

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.

ABSOLUTION *Remain kneeling.*

BCP 360

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 *Stand as able.*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

9 a.m. *Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hal Hopson

11 a.m. *Thy Word*

Michael Smith

DOXOLOGY *Stand as able.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP 369

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.**

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord,

9 God of pow-er and might. — hea-ven and earth are

15 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san na in the high-est. —

22 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

27 Ho - san - na, Ho - san na, Ho - san - na

33 in — the high - est, the high - est! —

Remain standing or kneel as able.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

John Carter

I Come with Joy

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1982 Hymnal #601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Arr. Charles Callahan

Rhosymedre

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Elizabeth Zimmerman

11 a.m. Linda McMahon

Ushers

9 a.m. Ruth Simmons, Dave Messersmith

11 a.m. Doug & Denine Miller

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Cary Frances Mackey, Lynn Kirkland

11 a.m. Brian McMahon

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. Wendy Cumming

11 a.m. Billie Ray Jeffries

Pianist

Linda Curtis

Flower Delivery

Janice & Jerry Markham

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Staff pray for people on our prayer list by name weekly.

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, John Hutson, Bill Saunders, Don Klovstad, Jane Price, Carol Conway, Stocky Hobart, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Rick Bagley, Bonnie Jones, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mary Jane Long, David, Donald Crandol, Jan Crandol, Bishop Haynes, Canon Hoffman, Bishop Curry, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Gail Conway, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Jay Horne, Claire, Sharon, Melanie, Mike, Elvon James, Barbara Urick, Bunny Neff, Pam Withrow.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Quinby Amory (7/27), Darius Rowe (7/30), Eddie Clark (8/1), Robert Shuford, Sr. (8/1).

CALENDAR

July 26 — August 1

Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8 p.m. AA

Monday - Office Closed

4 p.m. Book Club

8 p.m. AA

Tuesday - Office Closed

Wednesday

10 a.m. Heritage

12 p.m. Summer Lunch

Thursday

8 p.m. AA

Friday

9:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed: The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday while Patrick is on vacation. We will reopen Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.

Music Camp: “Pirates” was another tremendous success with 46 registrants! The parish house was alive with “Scallywags” of all sizes learning about chimes, bucket bands, other instruments, and musical notations. Of course it took the local villagers of St. John’s to thwart this musical invasion. A special thanks to our defenders: Anna, Lorrie, Daniella, Betsy, Susan, Leslie, Rykeigh, James, Roger, Christopher, Parkie, Mary, Pat, Ja’hon, Linda, Jerry, Ava, Jay, Ed, Brian, Margaret, Patrick, Lisa and our admiralty team of Linda and Deborah. St. John’s Music Camp thanks you for your support and hopes to see you again next July!

Outreach Event Save the Date:

Event: Rise Against Hunger

What: Package 10,000 meals

When: Sunday, November 8, 2026 (12:30-2:30p.m.)

Where: St. John’s Parish Hall

A fun way to help those in need around the world. Be one of 50 parishioners to help assemble 10,000 meals in just two hours! More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Bright Beginnings: St. John’s Outreach Committee is once again supporting financially the Bright Beginnings Program at the YMCA. If you would like to shop with a child, please register to do so on the morning of August 11th and/or 13th using the YMCA website. We will also be collecting school supplies at the main entrance of the church until August 4th. Supplies needed include backpacks, colored pencils, 24 count crayons, magic markers, wide-ruled marble composition books, pencil pouches, 5” blunt tip scissors, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, 12” rulers, large erasers, highlighters. packs of No.2 pencils, and white index cards.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John’s Book Club will be held on Monday, July 27, at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *The Searcher* by Tana French through page 217 (the end of Chapter 11). New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

St. John's Shirt Shop: Want to add a little swagger to your Sunday best? Order a St. John's shirt at st-johns2026.itemorder.com/shop/sale all items are ordered and paid for directly through the site. The store is currently scheduled to close August 3rd, after which shirts will be produced and distributed on a Sunday morning. Note that children's sizes are not available at this time.

Heritage Committee: USA 250 The American Revolution has begun!

Altar Flowers: THANK YOU to all who sponsor our Altar Flowers! Upcoming available dates for Altar flowers are November 15, 22, & 29.

Summer Lunch Signup: We're still looking for team leads for July 29th and August 5th! St. John's Summer Lunch continues Wednesday! The program has been a major hands-on outreach project of our congregation for many years. We provide a hot, plated noon meal in the Parish House for people in the community. We're now serving every Wednesday through August 19.

Altar Guild Request: One of Jesus' first miracles performed was turning water into wine at the wedding. As blessed as our sacristy is, we have yet to figure out how to replicate that miracle. We could use a small number of donations of Taylor's Tawny Port. If you are willing to donate a small bottle, please put your name on the bottle (painters blue tape or masking tape will work) and when we open your donation, we can verbally add our thankful prayer to you!

The Nursery is Open! The Nursery, available for children up to age 5, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday mornings.

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If you would like to make an offering, you may do so online at bit.ly/stjhgive or by scanning the QR code. In the "Fund" drop down menu, please select the fund to which you would like to donate.



ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

2026 — Scott Curtis, *Sr. Warden*; Ellen Griffith; Bettyrene Pope, *Jr. Warden*

2027 — Bob Harper; Andrew Mackey; Anne Rutherford

2028 — Wendy Cumming; Dory Holder; Jon Wallner

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bunton Haynes, *Diocesan Bishop*