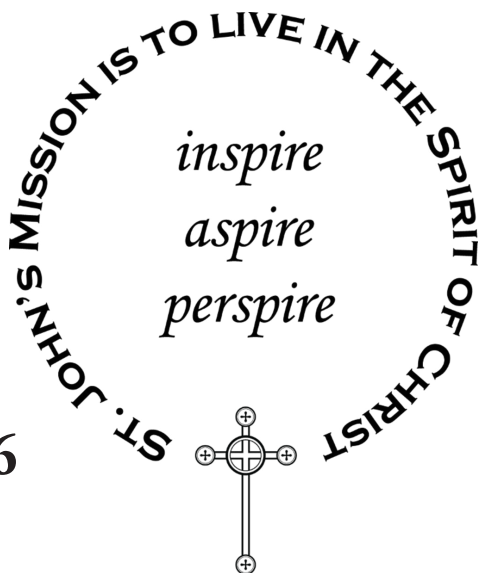




September 27, 2026
Proper 21 - Track 2
Holy Eucharist — Rite II
9 & 11 a.m.

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 Chalice (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.

Natalie, Katrina, and Megan Chiasson in loving memory of John Chiasson and Nancy Bushee.

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

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

PRELUDE

Muzio Clementi

Prelude in D Minor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

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

Carl Haywood

Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu-

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu-

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho ly name. —

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

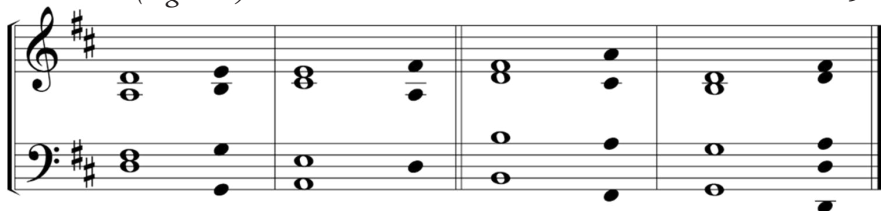
The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in / you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
 Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.

Show me your ways, O / LORD, *
 and teach me your / paths.
 Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day / long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
 for they are from ever / lasting.
 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O / LORD.

Gracious and upright is the / LORD; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
 He guides the humble in doing / right *
 and teaches his way to the / lowly.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #411

O Bless the Lord my soul

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Remain standing.*

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say

to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Willis Foster

A brief silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED *Stand as able.*

BCP 358

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,**

6 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—FORM III

BCP 387

Remain standing or kneel as able.

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those
good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot
ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSIO *Kneeling.* BCP 360

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

All **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

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.

All **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. *Sonatina in F-Andante*

Muzio Clementi

11 a.m. *The Heavens Are Telling*

Franz Joseph Haydn

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 D

BCP 372

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Betty Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho ly, ho - ly Lord God of
pow'r and might. Heav-en 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.

7 10

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system starts at measure 7 and ends at measure 10. The second system starts at measure 10 and ends at measure 13. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Remain standing or kneel as able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand as able.*

BCP 366

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

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1982 Hymnal #675

Take up thy cross

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Muzio Clementi

Sonatina in F - Allegro

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Al Banwell, Billie Ray Jeffries

11 a.m. Patrick Crandol, Dan Clark

Ushers

9 a.m. Dave Messersmith, Don Heath

11 a.m. Anne Abraham, Jim Mason

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Cary Frances Mackey

11 a.m. Emily Klotz

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. Connie Heath

11 a.m. Wendy Cumming

Music Director Deborah Carr

Special Music 11 a.m. St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery Anne Chisman Abraham

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, Stocky Hobart, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Rick Bagley, Bonnie Jones, Carol Winarski, 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, 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, Eldon James, Barbara Urick, Bunny Neff, Pam Withrow, Shellene Desjardins, John Lawson, Ann Ridle.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Tyler Moore (9/27), Lily Grace Haynes (9/29), and James Klotz (9/30).

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

September 27 — October 3

Sunday

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8 p.m. AA

Monday

- 8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 8 a.m. Men's Study Group - Offsite
- 10 a.m. Heritage
- 6 p.m. Handbells
- 7 p.m. Choir

Thursday

- 12 p.m. Bible Study
- 8 p.m. AA

Friday

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

Saturday

- 9 a.m. - Portraits with
- 12 p.m. Bob Harper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Study Group Field Trip: Field trip on Wednesday to Virginia War Museum in Newport News. Breakfast at Monty's Penguin beforehand at 8 a.m. Ride sharing available at Parish House parking lot departing at 7:30 a.m.

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.

St. John's Saints: We give thanks for our Fantastic Five who have stepped up to serve the children of our church as Sunday School Substitutes: Emily Andrews, Martha Barrett, Dory Holder, Andrew Mackey, and Margaret McFarland. The Christian Formation Team welcomes you to this exciting and vital ministry!

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. on

the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will read *The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

Bible Study: We will be continuing our Bible Study on the Book of Esther on Thursday at noon in the Library. If you are interested, contact Roger or Lorrie Peckham at peckham4@cox.net. All are welcome to join.

Directory Photographs: Help Us Build Our New Church Directory! St. John's is creating an online parish directory, and we need you in it. Bob Harper is providing portrait sessions for every parishioner and family, free of charge, with a complimentary gift portrait for your own keeping. Sessions take about 20 minutes and are being offered Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Sundays, 12 noon – 3 p.m. through November 1. (portrait sessions not available Saturday, October 17). Weekday appointments are also available directly with the studio. To sign up for a weekend time, contact the Church Office. For a weekday session, contact Bob directly. A directory is only as good as its participation, so please make an appointment today.

Veterans! St. John's wishes to recognize your service to our Nation for the upcoming Veterans' Day. We are planning to have a display with photographs of our vets and a brief summary of service dates and places. If you are a veteran of any service and a St. John's parishioner, you are asked to contact Bob Harper, the Project Lead, at 757-325-8300 or bob@bobharperportraits.com. You may use a photograph of your choosing for the display or Bob will create one for you at no cost.

Golf Outing: Join fellow St. John's golfers for our second annual Golf Outing on October 17 (no skills needed). Tee time is 9:30am, at Woodlands Golf Course. \$29.70 gets you the game, taxes and fees, and a cart. Contact the office to sign up. Questions? Ask Dory Holder!

Altar Flowers: THANK YOU to all who sponsor our Altar Flowers! Upcoming available date for Altar flowers is November 29.

Community Events

Hymn Festival: Central United Methodist Church (at 225 Chapel Street, Hampton, VA) will be hosting an ecumenical Hymn Festival on October 11 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited.

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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

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