

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 18, 2017

9:00 a.m.

A Message on “Ordinary Time” from the Rector

After the season of Pentecost, we enter into what we call *Ordinary Time* on the church calendar. The word “ordinary” does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word “ordinal” which means “counted.” We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, beginning after Easter on Trinity Sunday, and concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent. You will notice that our liturgical colors are green, as evident in the beautiful altar hangings as well as the vestments worn by the clergy. Green represents the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. In following our readings for each Sunday in Ordinary Time, you will discover that it is anything but ordinary! During this liturgical season, we learn about Jesus’ life and ministry through the synoptic (meaning the “same”) Gospel stories. This year we focus on the Gospel of Matthew as the story of the early church unfolds, and we are invited to be part of this story as we enter into God’s mission in the world.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. While we do not have a staffed nursery or children’s Christian education in the summer months, the nursery room in the Education Wing is open and available should parents wish to take their children there during the service for feeding, changing or other needs. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING HYMN 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing
All stand and sing.

NETTLETON

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19: 2-8a

All sit.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalms 100

The people read the words in bold.

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 **For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE EPISTLE

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 321 My God, thou table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9: 35-10:23

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

All **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. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at

that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Stacey Kohl

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

A period of silence is kept.

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

We ask God’s blessing on our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops, Ian and Laura; our clergy; and all other ministers. Equip and sustain them for ministry. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from war and violence. Guide and carry those who flee their homes to find safety and help, and bless those building new lives in our community, especially the Kattoub family. Bless our armed forces and all peacekeepers, and the families who await their safe return. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings that have graced our lives. We pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are this week, that they will know the power of love and the delight of celebration. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering and are in need of God's healing power, in this community and beyond, especially for those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name now [*pause for silent or spoken prayers*]. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all serving in public office, especially for our president, Donald, and for those injured in last week's shooting in Washington, D.C. Guide our elected leaders to be examples of compassionate leadership and wise forbearance. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and commend them into God's eternal care, and pray for those who mourn for them. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC The Lord is my light

Frances Allitsen (1848-1919)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

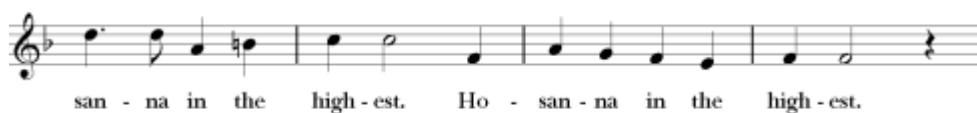
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

THE SANCTUS



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All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 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."

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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 587 Our Father, by whose name

RHOSYMEDRE

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Fugue in F, BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Helen M. Moore

Preacher: The Rev. Stacey Kohl

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Soloist: Cleveland Williams

Usher: Wes Winterbottom

Healing Prayers: Paul Shaker

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Musician: Steve Metcalf

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing:

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Andrew Lee
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Ann Weberg Linton
Carol Grieco	Grayson Moore	Chas
Janet Ray	Andrew Lee	Jay

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Ellen Painter Dollar	Judy Wawro	Conor Proft
Garland Bartlett	Gwen Schwartz	Kiley Murphy

Those who are celebrating anniversaries this week:

Michael & Craig Wilkinson
 Scott & Mary Beth Lamlein
 Marki Ware & Hal Rives
 William & Margaret Smith
 Gordon & Molly Fowler

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Northern Territory, Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for All Saints', Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; St. Ann's, Old Lyme; Grace Church, Old Saybrook; and for curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.

**St. John's Summer
Service Schedule**



**9 a.m. Sunday morning in the church
5 p.m. Sunday evening in the garden**

June 18 through September 3



A St. John's parishioner reports that the shelves at the West End Food Pantry, which we support, are practically bare. Summer is when local food pantries are MOST in need of food! While many people donate food for the winter holidays, we tend to not think about food donations as much over the summer. But for families who rely on food pantries, summer can be a particularly hard time to get enough food, especially when children aren't getting breakfast and lunch at school as they do during the school year. Please be generous in bringing non-perishable groceries with you to church any Sunday (or all of them!) and place them in the wagon at the back of the church. Needed items include peanut butter, tuna, canned stew/beans/pasta, pasta and sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables and cereal. Items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, and diapers are also useful as they cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Do you have a small outdoor table and chairs in good condition that you no longer need? We may be able to use them! We'd like a small, traditionally styled round or square café/bistro style table with 2-4 chairs (no full-size outdoor dining sets, please). Please contact Ellen in the parish office if you have something that might meet our needs, and provide photos if possible so we can see if it's the right fit.

Please consider offering a helping hand with transportation to the Kattoubs, the Syrian family we cosponsor. One of the daughters needs transportation on July 12 to the doctor's office for immunization shots. If you can help on this day, or would be willing to be called upon for driving help at other times, please email or call Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com or call her at 860-874-8076.

We're looking for one or more part-time paid child care providers for Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, September through June. Care providers will staff the Good Shepherd room for children age 0 to 5 on Sunday mornings and assist at other times and events as needed. Applicants must be caring, reliable, and age 18 or older; they will need to attend Safe Church training through the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, as well as CPR/defibrillator training (which will take place here at St. John's in the early fall). We're open to splitting the schedule among two or more people. Interested applicants, please contact our director of religious education, Janet Babbitt, at janet@sjparish.net.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Women Together book study — Every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
- ❖ Summer service schedule (9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays) — June 18 through September 3
- ❖ Summer office schedule (9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays) — June 19 through September 1
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Block Party — September 17, noon to 3 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ministry Fair — September 24
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant — October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Bishop visitation and confirmations — April 15, 2018

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

June 18 – September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning in the church
5:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon in the Cloister Garden
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Buffy Ineson *Warden*
Wes Winterbottom *Warden*
Beth Grieco and Chris Byrd *Co-Treasurers*
Ellen Painter Dollar *Clerk*

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

ST. PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606