

*The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
Year C, Proper 14*

MORNING PRAYER

AUGUST 7, 2022
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Saint John's Church, Mobile

Welcome to Saint John's. Since its founding in 1853 Saint John's has been an Episcopal parish church in the heart of Mobile. From our beginning worship has been central to our common life. Originally located ten streets West of Christ Church, Saint John's moved to its current location in 1956, to what was then nearly at the city limits. If you are interested in learning more about Saint John's or becoming a member of our parish community, please speak with one of the clergy or call the parish office at (251) 479-5474. Saint John's can be found on the Internet at www.stjohnsmobile.org.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by
Charlynn and Bob Will
to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for
their 48th wedding anniversary.

RECENT ATTENDANCE:

29 Sunday, July 31, Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Song

All stand as the organ begins the introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the ministers of the assembly move to the chancel.

Hymn 568

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Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

Opening Sentence

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The Officiant says

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant continues

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People together, all kneeling.

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.

The Officiant says

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces

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All stand. The Officiant begins

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People (see Insert)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World
without end. Amen.

The Invitatory

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The Officiant continues

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People Come let us adore him.

*The Congregation sings the **Jubilate** (Psalm 100) found in the Insert. The entire congregation sings both the antiphon and the verses.*



- 12 Happy is the nation whose | God is the | LORD! *
happy the people he has | chosen to | be his | own!
- 13 The Lord looks | down from | heaven, *
and beholds all the | people | in the | world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he | turns his | gaze *
on | all who | dwell on the | earth.
- 15 He fashions all the | hearts of | them *
and under- | stands | all their | works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a | mighty | army; *
a strong man is not de | livered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain | hope for de | liverance; *
for all its | strength it | cannot | save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon | those who | fear him, *
on those who | wait up | on his | love,
- 19 To pluck their | lives from | death, *
and to | feed them in | time of | famine.
- 20 Our soul waits | for the | LORD; *
he is our | hēlp | and our | shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart re | joices in | him, *
for in his holy | Name we | put our | trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O | LORD, be up | on us, *
as we have | put our | trust in | you.

THE LESSONS

The People are seated. The first Lesson, Genesis 15:1-6, is now read

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir.”⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir.”⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing Canticle 16, Benedictus Dominus Deus.



- ¹ Blessèd be the Lord, the | God of | Israel; *
he has come to his | people and | set them | free.
- ² He has raised up for us a | mighty | savior, *
born of the | house of his | servant | David.
- ³ Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would | save us from our | enemies, *
from the | hands of | all who | hate us.

4 He promised to show | mercy to our | fathers *
 and to re|member his | holy | covenant.

5 This was the oath he swore to our | father | Abraham, *
 to set us | free from the | hands of our | ene- mies,

6 Free to worship him with | oüt | fear, *
 holy and righteous in his | sight all the | days of our | life.

7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the | Möst | High, *
 for you will go before the | Lord to pre | pare his | way,

8 To give his people | knowledge of sal | vation *
 by the for | giveness | of their | sins.

9 In the tender com | passion of our | God *
 the dawn from on | high shall | break up- | on us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 | shadow of | death, *
 and to guide our | feet in- to the | way of | peace.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, *
 and | to the | Holy | Spirit:

As it was in the be-| ginning, is | now, *
 and | will be for | ever. A | men.

The second lesson, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, is now read

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old received divine approval. ³ By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. ... ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. ⁹ By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are

seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The Reader concludes

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing Canticle 21, Te Deum laudamus

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 1 You are God: we **praise you**;
You are the Lord: we **acclaim you**;
- 2 You are the eternal **Father**:
All creation **worships you**.
- 3 To you all angels, all the powers of **heaven**,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless **praise**:
- 4 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and **might**,
heaven and earth are full of your **glory**.
- 5 The glorious company of apostles **praise you**.
The noble fellowship of prophets **praise you**.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs **praise you**.
Throughout the world the holy Church **acclaims you**;
- 7 Father, of majesty **unbounded**,
your true and only Son, worthy of all **worship**,
- 8 and the Holy **Spirit**,
advocate and **guide**.
- 9 You, Christ, are the king of **glory**,
the eternal Son of the **Father**.

- 10 When you became man to set us **free**
you did not shun the Virgin's **womb**.
- 11 You overcame the sting of **death**
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all **believers**.
- 12 You are seated at God's right hand in **glory**.
We believe that you will come and be **our judge**.
- 13 Come then, Lord, and help your **people**,
bought with the price of your own **blood**,
- 14 and bring us with your **saints**
to glory everlasting.

The People may be seated, The third lesson, Luke 12:32-40 is now read.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Reader concludes

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

The Apostles' Creed

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All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant introduces the Creed, saying

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

The People may be seated for the Welcome & Announcements.

The Offering

During the singing of the Offertory, the ushers will collect the people's offerings.

Offertory Hymn 558

St Catherine

Faith of our fathers

THE PRAYERS

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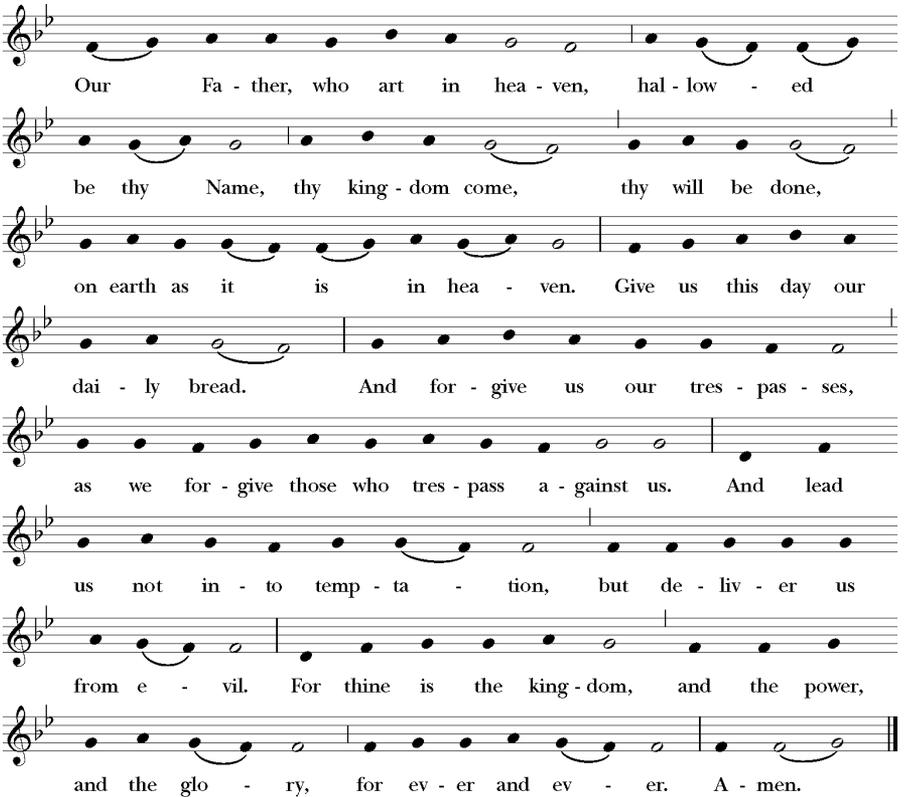
All stand as the Officiant rises. The Officiant begins

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and People sing



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages

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Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;

People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect for the Day

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Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Collect for Mission

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

Amen.

The Intercessions

The People remain standing. The Officiant bids the Intercessions and Thanksgivings

At the conclusion of the Intercessions, the Officiant says

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three

are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for
us; granting to us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the
age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Office Hymn 53

Gottes Sohn ist Kommen

Once he came in blessing

The Officiant concludes

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore.

Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn 61

Wachet auf

Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us

The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the assembly, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Minister

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:

Today	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time in the Great Hall
Wednesday	6:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	10:00AM	Morning Prayer: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	11:15AM	Fellowship time in the Great Hall

The church office is staffed from 9:00AM until 2:00PM, Tuesday and Wednesday. Outside of office hours or in an emergency, please call the senior warden at 251-709-2343. The office@stjohnsmobile.org email account will be checked regularly.

Serving in today’s liturgy:

Greeters.....Connie & Bob Anderson
Celebrant..... Eugene Johnston
First Lesson Lector.....Nikki Shaw
Second Lesson Lector..... David Thompson
Third Lesson Lector.....Br. Jacob Luke
Altar Guild..... Irene Yeager & Br. Jacob Luke
Vestry Tellers..... Eugene Johnston & David Jones

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our sisters and brothers in Christ: Mary Jones, Mitchell Schlegel, Irene Yeager, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jerry Fulford, James Christiansen, Audrey Garner, Joyce Lee, Jayson Chestang.

Our sisters and brothers that cannot be with us: Marian Boykin, Bob and Paula Ross, Marie Brown, Budd McLean, Mary Catherine Warren.

Our family and friends: John Anderson, Betty Boudreaux, Evi Valera, David Brunner, Mary Horner, Doug Turner, Darrell Thaxton, Bob Sheffield, Steve Wood, Carol Unsworth, Susan Hansen, Karl Gieseler, Keith Matthews, Randy Dunn, Sharon Lee Nolan, Willie Douglas, Daniel Day, Peggy Sheffield, Cliff Federle, Helen Guthrie, Eddie Hun, Katelynn Tillman, Karen Twilley, Nancy Payne, Donna Pigg, Tiffany Matthews, Betty Williams, Latecia Cushion Knight, Bonnie Jernigan, Britney Butler, Neal Tourné, Sandy Michel, Connor Crist, Paul Nelson, Steven Campbell (*priest*).

Our sisters and brothers serving in the Armed Forces:
Nicholas Boykin, Joshua Maddox, Ryan Hurt,
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