



*The Tenth Sunday*  
*after Pentecost*  
*Year C, Proper 15*

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](http://www.stjohnsmobile.org).

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## **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

are given by  
Connie and Budd McLean  
to the glory of God.

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## **RECENT ATTENDANCE:**

28      Sunday, August 7, Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

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## 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 9

*Morning Song*

Not here for high and holy things

#### 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. [*Psalm 19:14*]

#### 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.*



- 1 God takes his stand in the | council of | heaven; \*  
he gives | judgment in the | midst of the | gods:
- 2 “How long will you | judge un|justly, \*  
and show | favor | to the | wicked?
- 3 Save the | weak and the | orphan; \*  
De| fend the | humble and | needy;
- 4 Rescue the | weak and the | poor; \*  
deliver them from the | power | of the | wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go a| bout in | darkness; \*  
all the foundations | of the | earth are | shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, | ‘You are | gods, \*  
and all of you | children of the | Möst | High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall | die like | mortals, \*  
and | fall like | any | prince.”
- 8 Arise, O God, and | rule the | earth, \*  
for you shall take all | nations | for your | own.

## THE LESSONS

*The People are seated. The first Lesson, Jeremiah 23:23-29, is now read*

“Am I a God at hand, says the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of

their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams which they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer which breaks the rock in pieces?

*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 | out | 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.

<sup>9</sup> In the tender com | passion of our | God \*  
 the dawn from on | high shall | break up- | on us,  
<sup>10</sup> 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 11:29-12:2, is now read*

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

*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 12:49-56 is now read.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; <sup>52</sup> for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He also said to the multitudes, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

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 596

*Komm, o Komm, du Geist des Lebens*

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

## THE PRAYERS

BCP p. 97

*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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Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*

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.*

*The People remain standing and sing the Processional Hymn.*

### **Processional Hymn 191**

*Lux eoi*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

## **The Dismissal**

*A Minister dismisses the assembly, first saying,*

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.*

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN’S:**

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

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Serving in today’s liturgy:

Greeters.....	Mellissa Brown
Celebrant.....	Br. Jacob Luke
First Lesson Lector.....	Janet Buckley
Second Lesson Lector.....	Geri Moulton
Third Lesson Lector.....	Mary Sheffield
Altar Guild.....	Connie Anderson & Bootsie Cieutat
Vestry Tellers.....	James Christiansen & Geri Moulton

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**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: Igatherine Taylor, John Anderson, Betty Boudreaux, Evi Valera, David Brunner, Mary Horner, 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:  
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