# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836) Flat Rock, North Carolina

## Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## Reminders for Worship

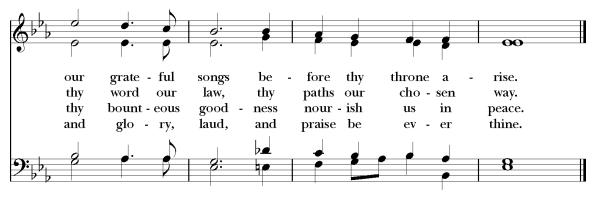
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- Masks are optional. Please wear one if you need to or would feel more comfortable doing so.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

Prelude: Prelude on "Materna"

Charles Callahan

### Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn: No. 718 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand National Hymn God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y Thy love di - vine hath led us in the 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - lv pes - ti peo - ple Re - fresh thy their toil - some onhand leads forth all the star - ry in beau ty band past, in this free land by thee our lot cast; ev - er sure de lence, be thy strong arm our fense; lead way, us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; Ω 8 O splen - dor through the worlds of shin - ing in skies, guide, be thou our ru ler, guard - ian, and stay thy li true gion in our hearts reincrease, fill allwith love our lives and grace divine,  $\mathbf{\Omega}$ 0



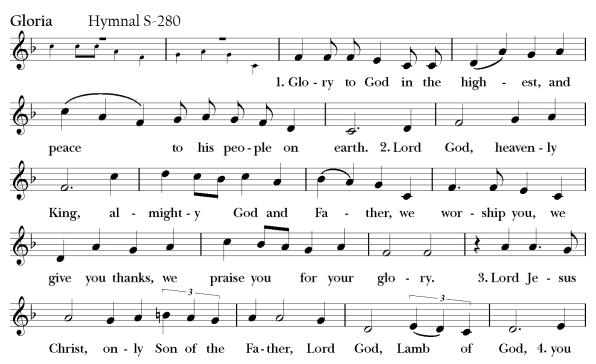
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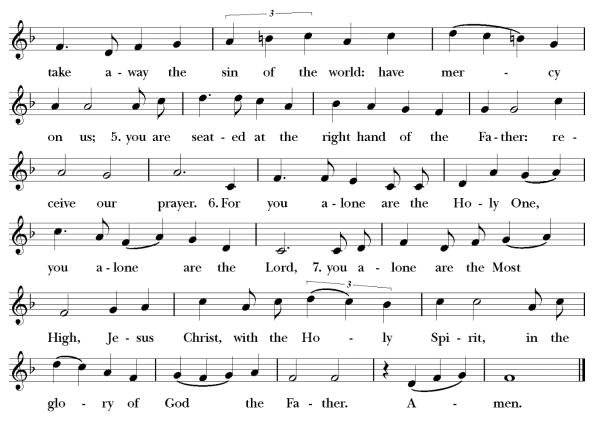
## Acclamation and Response

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

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

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.





THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and

he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 48

The congregation sings the antiphon with the cantor and choir.



- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \* in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \* the very center of the world and the city of the great king. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*
  he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \* and marched forward together. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \* they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*
  they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \*

God has established her for ever.

- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \* in the midst of your temple. [ANTIPHON]
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \* your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* because of your judgments. [ANTIPHON]
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \* count the number of her towers.

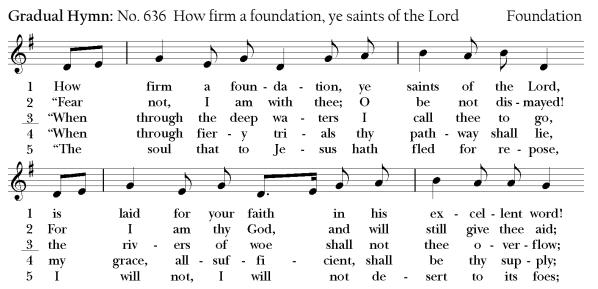
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \* that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*
  he shall be our guide for evermore. [ANTIPHON]

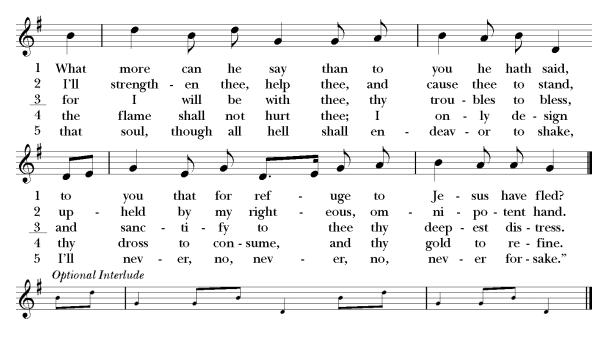
Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr. Josh Stephens

### 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.

## Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming; and for the mission of the Church, that in

faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one; for those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for Josh, our Rector, for Sandy, our Deacon, for our vestry and staff, and for the ministry of each of us, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, and Roy, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community. For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent; for our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray especially for Vanessa, Joanne, Tom, Eleanor, Steve, Dina, Trip, E.R., and Susie and Rosie. Are there others? That being freed from anxiety and sickness, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

## Thanksgivings for National Life

(BCP, pg 838)

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## A Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in July

(Prayer 50 on page 830 of The Book of Common Prayer)

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Offertory

The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table

Offertory Music: 8:45 Meditation

Robert J. Powell

11:00 Lord, As the Grain

Carl Schalk

text by George Seaver

based on the *Didache*, 2nd century

Lord, as the grain which once on upland acres scattered abroad was gathered into one in this one loaf whereof we are partakers in the blest fellowship of thy dear Son.

So may thy Church dispersed through all creation, seed of the living bread, thy holy Son, broken for us and for mankind's salvation, from the world's ends be gathered into one.

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.

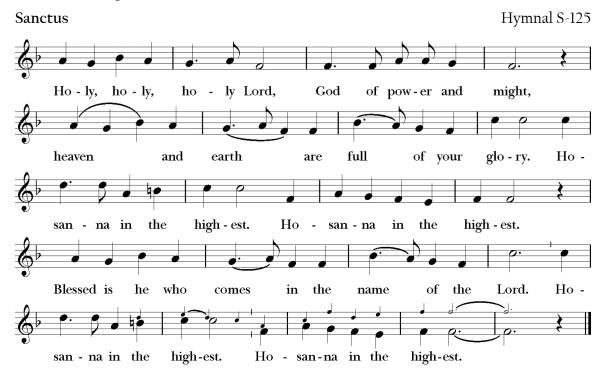
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

## Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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*.

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

People
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.

The Celebrant continues

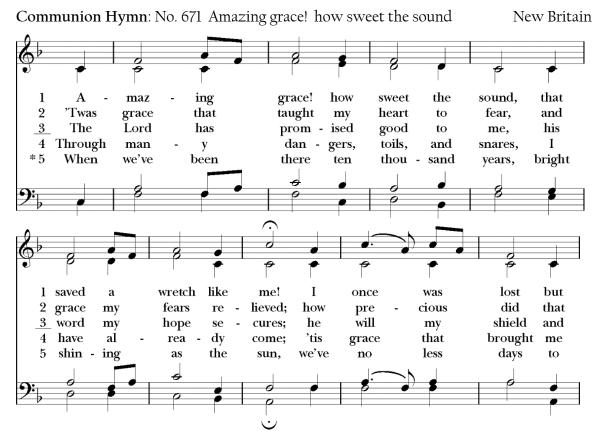
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

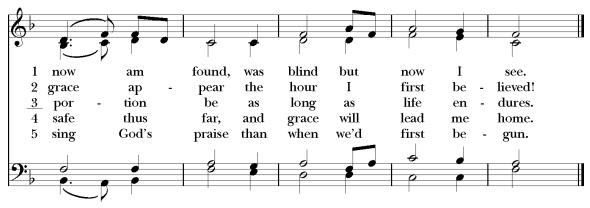
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. We are not drinking from the chalice or practicing intinction, but the chalice will be presented to you visually and verbally. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.





The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

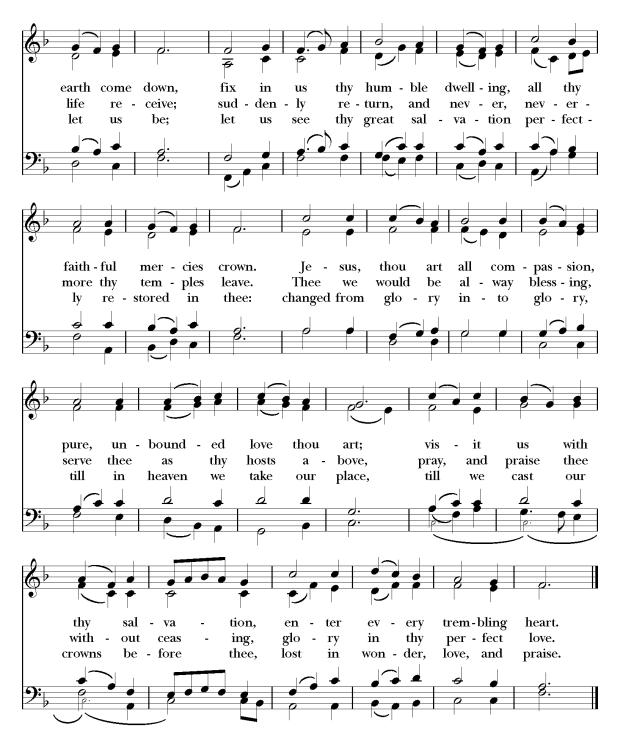
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

## Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: No. 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

of vine, all loves ex - cell ing, joy heaven, to 2 Come, al might to - liv er, let us all thy V nish then thy new cre tion; pure and spot less

Hyfrydol



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: March with Fanfares on "America"

Carol Doran

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People. As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Vanessa Wittman, Joanne Adams, Tom Joiner, Eleanor Flowers, Steve Sullivan, Dina Larsen, Trip Mildren, E.R. Haire, Jr., and Susie and Rosie.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Charles Neff, Jr.* by Marjorie Neff and family and *Knight M. Fee* by Sally Books and *Frances Ravenel Grimball MacLean* by Katherine Bart.

TO OUR VISITORS! We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over our chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

### WE GIVE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO OUR CHURCH

	July 4, 2021		July 11, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffery	Candace Lewis	Robin Howe	Mike Covell
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	Clint Adams	John Hayes	Bob Sundeen	Karen Conley
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			Hiatt	Sanders
Altar Guild	Michael & Sandra Jeffery, Traci		Elaine & Robin Howe, Sally Hopper,	
	Tindal, Candace Lewis, Kathy		Lynn & Julianna Savage	
		mith, Sally Hopper		
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### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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