

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

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 and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. All are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a special blessing at that time. If you are already baptized, you may receive the Sacrament of Christ's body, including infants and children. If you have not been baptized, then we still invite you to come forward for a moment of prayer and blessing, and we would be glad to speak with you about being baptized.

If you do not have a church family at this time, 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. Talk to an usher or clergyperson about joining St. John in the Wilderness, or fill out a card in your pew. It is wonderful to be with you today!

## COVID-19 Safety Reminders

Because of COVID-19 public health concerns, we have a few safety reminders for you.

- Throughout the service, please make every effort to maintain three feet of physical distancing whenever possible.
- Please wear your mask during the service. Make sure your nose is covered also. You may lift up your mask at the altar rail to consume Communion.
- You are invited to sing at this service behind your mask.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it before receiving Communion.
- 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.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn: No. 216 Hail thee, festival day (See insert)

Salve festa dies

## Acclamation and Response

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Institution

*The Wardens, standing before the bishop with the new minister, say these or similar words*

*Sr. Warden:* Bishop José, we have come together today to welcome Father Josh, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of St. John in the Wilderness.

*Jr. Warden:* We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

*The Bishop may read the Letter of Institution, or else may state the purpose of the new ministry.*

*The Bishop then says*

Father Josh, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

*Father Josh:* I do.

*The Bishop then addresses the congregation*

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Father Josh in this ministry?

*People* We will.

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Father Josh their Rector.

### **The Litany for Ordinations**

*For use at Ordinations as directed. On Ember Days or other occasions, if desired, this Litany may be used for the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist or the Daily Office, or it may be used separately.*

God the Father,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

We pray to you, Lord Christ.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Father Josh, chosen priest in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For his family, for Rosanna, Abby, Arlo, and Wilder, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (blessed N.) 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.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

*Bishop*            The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

*Bishop*            Let us pray.

*The Bishop says the appointed Collect.*

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Joshua, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated*

## First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 1

*The congregation should sing the antiphon with the cantor and choir.*



Hap-py are they whose de-light is in the law of the Lord.

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1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night. [ANTIPHON]

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. [ANTIPHON]

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed. [ANTIPHON]

### **Second Lesson:** 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** No. 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing (See insert)

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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 John.

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

### **The Gospel:** John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin

**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.

*During the singing of the hymn, those presenting gifts gather in front of the altar*

**Hymn:** No. 382 King of glory, King of peace (See insert)

General Seminary

### **The Induction**

*Representatives of the congregation present a Bible, saying*

Father Josh, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People      **Amen.**

*The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying*

Father Josh, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People      **Amen.**

*Others present a stole or other symbol, saying*

Father Josh, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People      **Amen.**

*Others present a book of prayers or other symbol, saying*

Father Josh, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People      **Amen.**

*Others present olive oil or some other symbol, saying*

Father Josh, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People      **Amen.**

*If the new minister is the rector or vicar of the parish, a Warden may now present the keys of the church, saying*

Father Josh, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People      **Amen.**

*Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying*

Father Josh, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People      **Amen.**

*Other Representatives of the congregation present bread and wine, saying*

Father Josh, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

*People*      **Amen.**

*The Bishop then says*

Father Josh, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

*People*      **Amen.**

*The new Minister, if a priest, may then kneel in the midst of the church, and may say*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying*

Greet your new Rector.

*The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.*

*The Bishop greets the new minister.*

*The new Minister then says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*The new Minister then greets other members of the clergy, family members, and the congregation. The People greet one another.*

*The Bishop, or in the Bishop's absence a Priest beginning a new ministry, standing at the Lord's Table as chief celebrant, and joined by the other clergy, proceeds with the Great Thanksgiving of the Eucharist.*

## **The Offertory**

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table. The undesignated offering for today's services will go to Bishop José's Discretionary Fund so he might use the*

gifts of the parish to help clergy and other people in need. If you would like to donate by check to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, make the check out to St. John in the Wilderness and put "Bishop's Discretionary Fund in the memo line.

**Offertory Anthem:** King of All Ages, Throned on High

**King of All Ages, Throned on High**

text from 10th century Latin

translated by Mount Saint Bernard Abbey

King of all ages, throned on high, yet saviour too of those with faith,  
death at your onslaught died in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ receives from God the Father's hand  
power over all created things: A gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge,  
cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost.

Glory to you, O Christ, exalted from our sight,  
reigning for evermore, with Father and with Paraclete. Amen.

**Offertory Response:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

*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 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.

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**

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or 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.*

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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) 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.

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

<b>Communion Hymn:</b>	No. 335 I am the bread of life	I Am the Bread of Life
(See insert)	No. 676 There is a balm in Gilead	Balm in Gilead
	No. 671 Amazing Grace	New Britain

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Father Josh may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Dismissal Hymn: No. 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken (See insert) Austria  
vs. 1, 2 and 4 choir and congregation arr. Robert Powell  
vs. 3 choir alone

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

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## 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, Pete Petersen, Tom Joiner, Malcolm McCormick, Eleanor Flowers, Carol Black, John Barker, Richard, Paula Maddon, Shelby White, Andre, Miriam Kussrow, Worth and Bill Gordon, Sally Books, Nancy and Dave, and Kristi.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Cart, Henry Robinson Cart, and Walter Montgomery Cart* by Donna R. Cart.

**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 your 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 fill out a card in your pew. We welcome you!

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

	May 16, 2021		May 23, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Dick Zecher	E.R. Haire, Jr.	Sandra Jeffery	Mike Covell
Ushers	Clint Adams	Bettie Orr	Clint Adams	Hilton Swing
	Jim Spry	John Hayes	Jim Spry	
Cart Driver	Marlin Sanders	Herb Quarles	Linda Giltner	Tom Savage
Altar Guild	Beth Melton, Sharon Johnston, Vickie & Bill Taylor		Gibson Sims, Cathryn Harrell, Brenda Hillyer, Carol Sims, Kathy Limmiatis	
Opening Gatekeeper	Albert Gooch		Albert Gooch	
Closing Gatekeeper	Gibson Sims		Gibson Sims	
Flower Guild	Catherine Richardson		Carol Sims	









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Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00am

Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only)/Adult Sunday School: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm M-F

**In case of pastoral emergencies:**

Please call the Church Office and ask for the Rector. After hours, call the Church Office and press 3.

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**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

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