

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 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.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

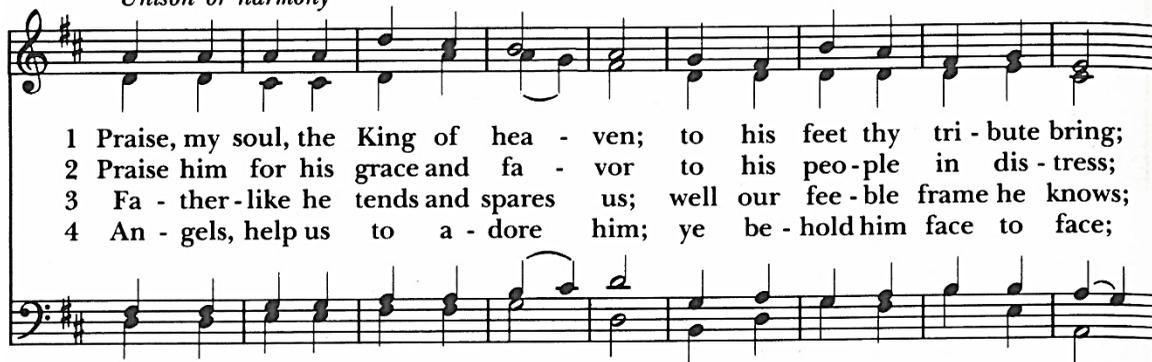
Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

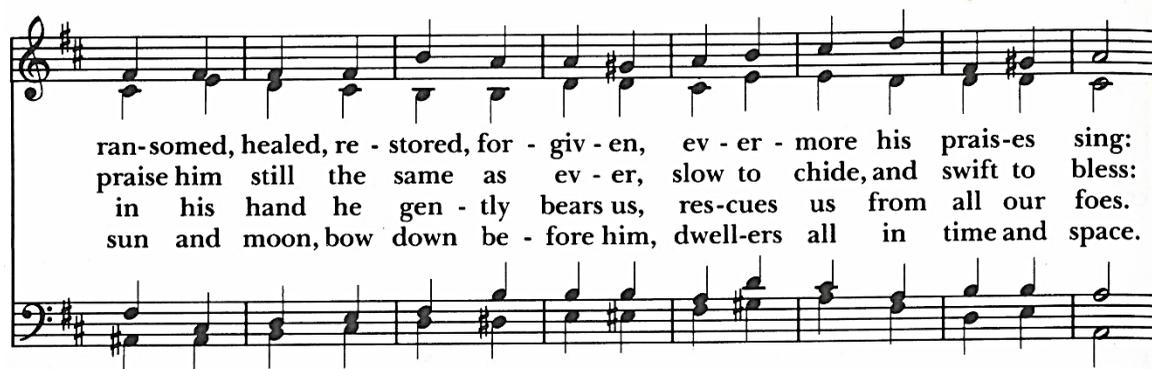
Entrance Hymn: No. 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

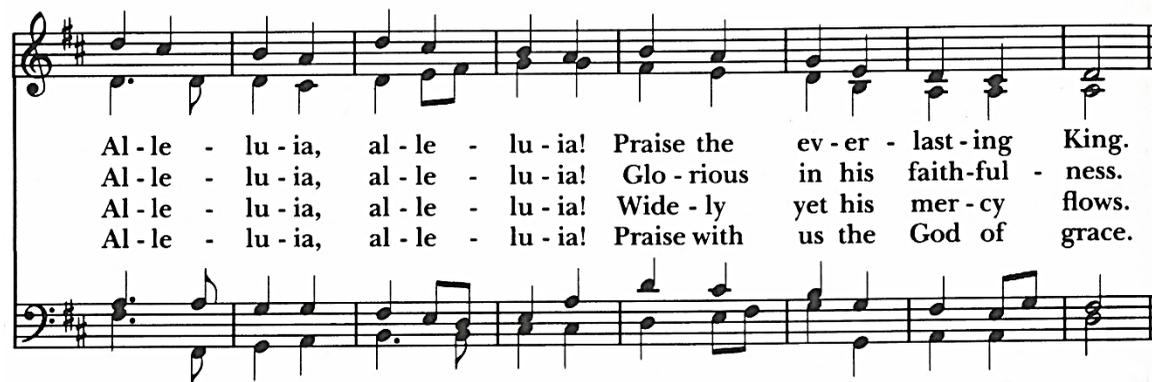
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Acclamation and Response

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

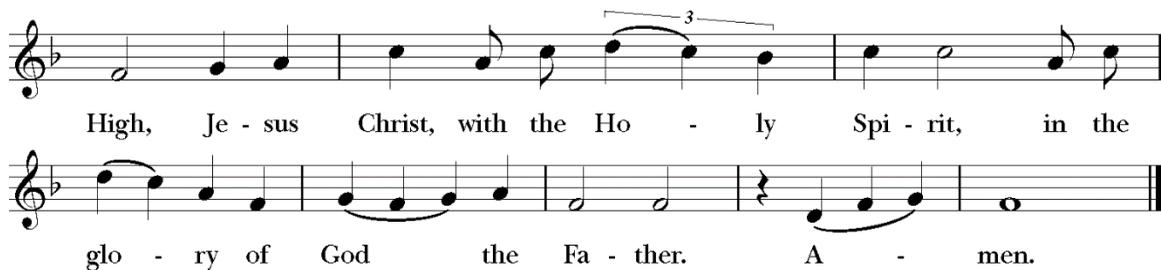
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Gloria Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



## 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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have

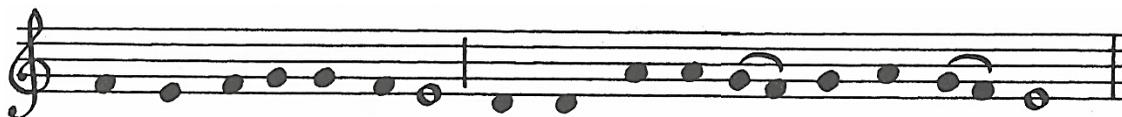
killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

*The congregation sings the refrain with the cantor and choir.*



Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac-cord-ing to your lov-ing-kind-ness.

- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me. [REFRAIN]
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment. [REFRAIN]
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly. [REFRAIN]
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice. [REFRAIN]
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me. [REFRAIN]
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. [REFRAIN]

**Second Lesson:** Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

People      Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:** No. 659 O Master, let me walk with thee de Tar



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 (Help me the slow of heart to) move by some clear,  
3 (Teach me thy pa - tience; still with) thee in clos - er,  
4 (in hope that sends a shin - ing) ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy sec - ret; help me  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward feet to  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith sweet and  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly thou canst

bear the strain of toil, the fret of  
 stay, and guide them in the home-ward  
 strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver  
 give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me  
 care. 2 Help me the slow of heart to  
 way. 3 Teach me thy pa-tience; still with  
 wrong, 4 in hope that sends a shin-ing  
 live.

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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 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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 Bill, our Summer Scholar-in-Residence, 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, Susie and Rosie, John, Katherine, Arnold, and Lois. 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, especially Steve Franks, 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.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for 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 August**  
(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: Prelude on "Beecher"

Dale Wood

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

*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:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

Communion Hymn: No. 516 Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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## Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant:* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

*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

Hyfrydol

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hyfrydol'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The music is in a minor key, indicated by one flat (Bb) in the key signature. The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated but are typical for a hymn.

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: Finale on "Hyfrydol"

Henry Coleman



## **The Reverend Dr. William “Bill” Brosend Is Our 2021 Summer Scholar-in-Residence**

Our 2021 Summer Scholar-in-Residence is The Rev. Bill Brosend, PhD. Fr. Bill is the Professor of New Testament at The School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. He has served as the Executive Director of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation and has enjoyed shaping seminarians to read and proclaim God’s word with wisdom and conviction. While in Flat Rock, Fr. Bill will be working on a book to be published in 2022 called *Parable: A Commentary on the Stories of Jesus*.

### **2021 Summer Scholar-in-Residence Schedule**

Fr. Bill will be preaching at the 8:45 and 11:00 services from July 4 through August 1. He will also be sharing with us his study of the Parables of Jesus who told stories like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan to those listening who were seeking or challenging the Kingdom of God. Through these stories, Jesus gave listeners a glimpse of the Kingdom of God and invited them to live into God’s reality. Fr. Bill will be offering two unique classes each week on the Parables. Join us for this month of seminary-like formation! Each class will be different so please join us for each session.

- Sunday mornings: July 4, 11, 18, 25 - Class in the Wilderness Room between the services - 10:05-10:45 (No RSVP needed)
- Thursday Evenings: July 8, 15, 22, 29 - Dinner and Class in the Parish Hall - 5:30-7:00. Please RSVP each week for dinner so we can avoid wasting food.

## 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, Susie and Rosie, John Hayes, Katherine Gee, Arnold Smith, and Lois Karcher.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *my husband, Wendell Rector* by Carol Rector

and *Mrs. Jane Ashworth Robertson* by Jane Swanson, Charles Robertson, and Thomas Robertson and Wendell Rector by the Taylor, Walker, Kendall, and Shanley families.

The flowers are provided by the family of Sibyl Lange for her funeral tomorrow.

**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 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

	August 1, 2021		August 8, 2021	
	8:45	11:00	8:45	11:00
Lay Readers	Sandra Jeffery	Will Rodriguez	Robin Howe	Julianna Savage
Ushers	Greg Newbold	Sandy Gulbrandsen	Clint Adams	David Christenbury
	Dick Zecher	David Christenbury	Bob Sundeen	Karen Conley
Greeters	Judy Petersen	Anna Kinsey	Brenda Hillyer	
	Patrice German		Mary Boys	
Cart Driver	Steve Hutcherson	Jerry Beschta	Jim Olson	Mike Covell
Coffee Hour	Parish Breakfast	Parish Breakfast	Dottie Dalzell	Joanie Covell
			Debby Staton	
Eucharistic Visitors	Dick Zecher, Ginger Quarles, Margaret Barker			
Altar Guild	Sandra & Michael Jeffery, Traci Tindal, Candace Lewis, Kathy Newbold, Marti Smith, Sally Hopper		Elaine & Robin Howe, Sally Hopper, Lynn & Julianna Savage	
Opening Gatekeeper	Albert Gooch		Albert Gooch	
Closing Gatekeeper	Terry Enslin		Terry Enslin	
Flower Guild	Bay Chamberlain		Galen Reuther, Jim Wagner	

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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.

**The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin, Bishop**

**The Rev. Josh Stephens, Rector:** [rector@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:rector@stjohnflatrock.org)

**The Rev. Deacon Sandy Rex, Deacon:** [cwrexiii@rmimidwest.com](mailto:cwrexiii@rmimidwest.com)

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**Kevin Hunt, Sexton:** [sexton@stjohnflatrock.org](mailto:sexton@stjohnflatrock.org)

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

Senior Warden: Jennifer Shelton

Junior Warden: Jerry Tanner

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Jerry Tanner

Cynthia Easterling

E.R. Haire, Jr.

Shelley Schiro

2022

Terry Enslin

Marie Hyder

Gibson Sims

Dick Zecher

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John Barker

Elizabeth Christenbury

Jennifer Shelton

Lynn Wiescholek

**PARISH OFFICERS**

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Robin Howe

**By Laws, Canons & Insurance:** Jim Olson

**Christian Formation:** Mary Anne Inglis

**Communications & Publicity:** Joey Popp

**Finance:** Jodi Sundeen

**Historic Churchyard Committee:** Ken Jones

**New Member Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

**Outreach:**

**Personnel:** Margaret Barker

**Stewardship:** David Christenbury

**OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES**

**Acolytes:** Lynn Savage

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Newbold, Cathryn Harrell

**Chefs of St. John:** Jim Vint

**Churchyard Trustees:** Pete Petersen

**Docents:**

**Endowment Trustees:** Tom Griswold

**Episcopal Church Women:** Kathy Newbold

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Dick Zecher

**Flower Guild:** Bay Chamberlain

**Flower Memorials:** Gaston Motes

**Funeral Reception Ministry:** Brenda Hillyer

**Garden Guild:** Jerry & Jan Tanner

**Gatekeepers:** Dick Zecher

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**Wedding Coordinator:** Elaine Howe