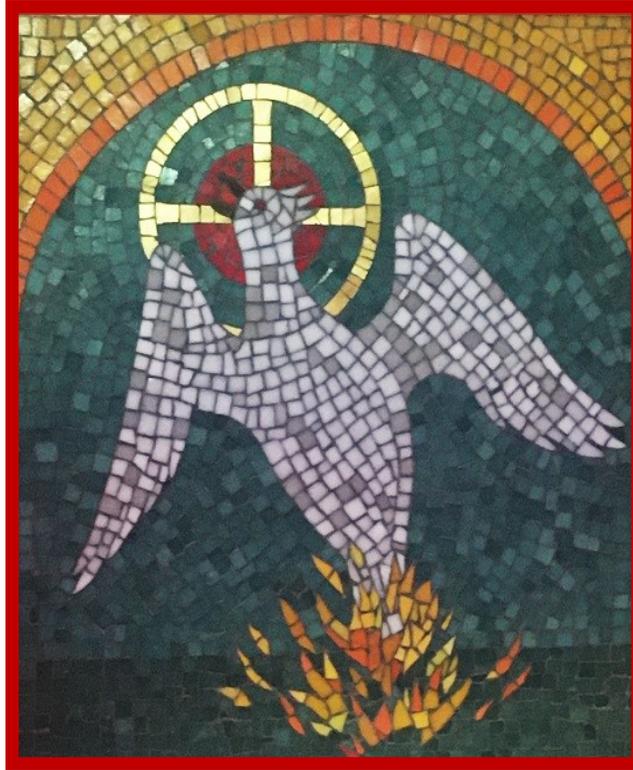




Saint John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist II

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† Welcome †

Updated Safety Protocols:

- Per the recommendation of the CDC, in consultation with the Medical Guild and the approval of the Rector, **Saint John's is requiring everyone over the age of 2 years old to wear a mask indoors** until the Delta variant is under control. This new recommendation applies to the fully vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone or other electronic devices.

10:30AM & 5:30PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Today's Rite II service begins with a hymn and continues in the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 355.

**Music labeled with an S is found at the front of the blue hymnal.*

***Musical selections for 10:30 service only*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

****Procession Hymn 437**

Tell out, my soul

Tune: *Birmingham*

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis ****Hymn S 280**

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116: 1-8 (*choir and congregation*)

William Crotch (1775-1847)



1. I love the LORD, because he has heard
the voice of my | suppli- | cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me
Whenever I | called up- | on him.
2. The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the | grave took | hold of me; *
I | came to | grief and | sorrow.
3. Then I called upon the | Name of the | LORD: *
"O LORD, I | pray you, | save my | life."
4. Gracious is the | LORD and | righteous; *

- Our | God is | full of com- | passion.
5. The LORD watches | over the | innocent; *
I was brought very | low, | and he | helped me.
6. Turn again to your rest, | O my | soul, *
For the | LORD has | treated you | well.
7. For you have rescued my | life from | death, *
My eyes from | tears, and my | feet from | stumbling.
8. I will walk in the | presence of the | LORD *
in the | land | of the | living.

Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.Call to Children's Chapel (*Children ages 3 years-5th grade process to Children's Chapel*)****Sequence Hymn 675**

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Tune: *Bourbon*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III

Nicene Creed (*In unison*)

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, Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Bishop Phoebe and the Diocese of West Tennessee; for St. John's and our search for an Organist-Choirmaster; for our youth and adult confirmands; for St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace around the world, especially in Afghanistan.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those impacted by Hurricane Ida and by the flood in Waverly, Tennessee.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on our parish prayer list including Anne Barton, Jay Buchignani, Barbara Burke, Mary Ann Chandler, Lucas Ellis, Ty Legge, Michael Lombardo, Kim Meloni, Doris Meyer, John Ryder, Kevin Scheuner, Anne Speer, Clyde Stephenson, Kathy Miller Wells, Pam Willis, and Dot Work.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace (*Stand and greet one another*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The offering plates located at the front of the nave are available for your offerings before and after the service. For those of you joining us from home or preferring contactless giving, text GIVE to 901-329-3645.

****Offertory Anthem**

O love of whom is truth and light

Finn Viderö (1906-1987)

*O love of whom is truth and light,
The word and spirit, life and power,
Whose heart was bared to smite,
To shield us in our trial hour:
O love, I give myself to thee,
Thine ever, only thine to be.
Johann Scheffler*

The Communion of the People: *We will offer communion in one kind, the consecrated bread. Priests will take the consecrated bread to standing stations at the altar steps. Ushers will direct you to the stations. Please remain in a socially distant line 6 feet behind the person in front of you. *Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Blessing

****Recession Hymn 492**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Tune: *Finnian*

Dismissal

BCP p. 366

MINISTERS IN SERVICE

Preacher	The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III
Celebrant	Rev. Miranda Cully
Deacon	The Rev. Debbie McCanless
Lectors	Annabelle Bridgeforth, Glynn Alexander
Verger	Andrew Morgret
Ushers	Team 3, Leader; John Murrah
Altar Guild	Team 3, Leader; Susan Peebles

GIFTS

In memory of Julie Mowery
By Dot Work

PRAYER LIST

The complete prayer list can be viewed in the Prayers of the People on page 4. To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact Miranda.

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Horace Carter, <i>Senior Warden</i> Ed Curry Courtenay McAllister John Ryder Laurie Thornton	Cathey Alexander Richard Friary, <i>Junior Warden</i> Wilson Pace Judson Williford Gina Yauger	Dorothy Burke Philip Freeburg Veazey Krausnick Terry Robertson Caroline Smith

STAFF

The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III, <i>Rector</i> The Rev. Miranda Cully, <i>Associate Rector</i> The Rev. Debbie McCanless, <i>Deacon</i> Walton Griffin, <i>Interim Organist</i> Dr. Bruce Smedley, <i>Choirmaster</i> Antoinette Cheney, <i>Parish Administrator</i> Penny Vincent, <i>Financial Manager</i> Allison Pace, <i>Director of Parish Family</i> India Rose, <i>Communications Administrator</i>	Molly Graham, <i>Children's Coordinator</i> Katie Seage, <i>Youth Coordinator</i> Marcia Noordemeer, <i>Director Parent's Day Out</i> Michel Swanigan, <i>Director Parish Life Center</i> Leigh Robinson, <i>Nursery Coordinator, Financial Assistant</i> Deborah Hubbard, <i>Head Sexton</i> Mary Thacker, <i>Sexton</i> Kenny Turner, <i>Sexton</i> Stanley Ward, <i>Sexton</i>
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Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God

High Altar

In Memory of Joan Ruth Kling (Mamie), Peter Henry Kling, Velma Jefferson, John H. Jefferson
By Lulu, Henry, Ann and Jerry

Birthdays September 12 —18

(12) Brenda Crain, Anne Brand, Dorothy Burke
(13) Dianne Lloyd Henry Porter Jr., Patrick Moore
(14) Mavis Alexander, Tara Horton, Mary Baker

(15) Pam Van Doren
(17) Juliet Tayloe, William Tayloe Jr., Byars Tayloe

Announcements

FALL FORMATION SCHEDULE

Plan to join us at 9:15am for Children & Adult Formation. Youth formation meets after the 10:30 service.

- Adult Formation 9:15am Parish Hall
- Children's Formation 9:15am
 - All 3 & 4 yr olds are welcome to attend Godly Play on the 2nd floor Children's Wing.
 - SK through 5th grade: 2nd floor Children's Wing
- Youth Formation After Church, 2nd floor in PLC. Lunch will be provided!

September 26th, Bishop's Visit: Baptisms & Confirmations

Save the date for a very special day in the life of our parish. On Sunday, September 26, Bishop Phoebe Roaf will be teaching, preaching, baptizing and confirming over 40 candidates into the family of God at Saint John's. The following services have been spaced out to accommodate the large number of family members in attendance. Please make your plans accordingly:

- 9:15am Formation with the Bishop: Episcopal 101 in the Parish Hall
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist and Baptism
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

St. Julian Guild

If you are interested in greeting visitors on Sunday mornings please contact Clair Bradley or Mother Miranda. We will have a training soon so that you know when you'll serve, who to look for, and even how to welcome them! With all the new faces around St. John's we are sure that the St. Julian Guild (patron saint of hospitality) is one of the most important ministries to begin. Email clairbradley96@gmail.com or call 901.458.1667.

Soul Supper Speaker Series, Wednesday September 15th 5:30-7pm. Saint John's Parish Hall.

We are pleased to kick off this season's Soul Suppers with a talented and vivacious speaker, Darius (Mak) Clayton, stand-up comedian and hospitality specialist from the Memphis Hospitality Hub. Mak will make you laugh and think and care more about those in our city.

- Featuring dinner by Randy Jefferson. Price per person/family \$7/child; \$10/adult; or \$30 family of four or more. Sign Up form is available in the Parish email!
- Nursery and children's programming provided in the PLC. Youth encouraged to attend the speaker session and sit together at youth table with Youth Coordinator Katie Seage
- Timeline: 5:30 meet & greet/cocktail hour; 6 dinner is served; 6:15 speaker begins; Q&A and wrap up by 7.
- Outdoor setting available for safe eating.

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