

St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Typically, Episcopalians stand to sing and for the proclamation of the Gospel; kneel for confession and prayer; and sit while listening to reading or preaching. Your presence is more precious than your posture: please stand, sit or kneel as you are able and as you prefer.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Hymns listed with number only are found in the blue Hymnal 1982; those with "S" before the number are found at the front of the Hymnal. "LEVAS" identifies hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing, and "WLP" denotes hymns from Wonder, Love, and Praise.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn 362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty *Nicaea*

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria S-280

Collect of the day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs. *8:1-4, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
The son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

**All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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Gradual Hymn 370 verse 6 only

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 16:12-15
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily *Let's talk Trinity – presentations on the Father, Son and Holy Spirit*

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

**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

Let us pray.

We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God, that all who know Christ may praise his name and serve the world by his grace. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the leaders of all the Churches, and especially the leaders of our own Church, that the shepherds of Christ's flock may lead us with wisdom and gentleness. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the leaders of the nations, that they might use the powers entrusted to them to build and not destroy, gather and not scatter. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the lonely, the lost, and the hopeless in our community, that they may find comfort and that we may see in them the image of Christ. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For those in our community and throughout our region who struggle with addiction, that our concern for them may grow into Spirit-filled action. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For the sick, those who travel, those in any trouble, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially:
(Names will be read aloud, and are invited to be spoken or prayed silently by the congregation.)
that they may draw strength from our prayers and actions. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For our partners in mission, including St. Patrick's, Falls Church. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

For all who have died, especially:

(Names will be read aloud, and are invited to be spoken or prayed silently by the congregation.)

that they may have peace, and that we may worship with them in the communion of saints. Lord of life, **let your will be done.**

Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Music

Doxology, Hymn 380, v 3, Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 S-125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent

your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with John, Patrick, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Agnus Dei S-164

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Intinction and drinking from the common cup are both offered; the Bread and the Cup are distributed with these words

The Body (and Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Communion Music 686 Come thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*

Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn 365 Come thou almighty king *Moscow*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Announcements

Clergy for June 15 – The Reverend Stephen Shepherd will be our supply clergy this week.

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, is also known as Emancipation Day. It commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. At noon on that day, in celebration of that event, St. John's will be ringing the bell in the steeple.

Future of St. John's Discussions - A key point made at the June 1 discussion after the service was for St. John's to be sustainable, a large portion of the congregation needs to be actively involved. At the follow-up discussion on June 4th, a number of ideas were identified. An initial prioritization was done to focus our efforts. The approach is to involve a large portion of the congregation in small working groups on the top priority items. There will be an email in a couple of days describing the focus areas. and asking each of you to participate in one or more topics. Please join in the important effort.

Joint Service at St. Patrick's June 29 10 am –There will be a conversation about each congregation's efforts described in the covenant between us. There will be more information in next week's update.

Breathing Space Schedule Our Sunday evening Breathing Space offering continues, meeting on the third Sunday of the month, beginning tonight! Gathering in the Parlor at 6 pm, our conversation will meander along with the Spirit, then we'll pray Compline at 8, and wish each other Peace until we meet again. Upcoming dates: June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21.

Reading over the Summer St. John's book club is on its summer hiatus, but that is no excuse for not reading. September's selection is *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Read it over the summer and be ready for the discussion in September!

Baby food drive for AFAC. As many of us celebrate parenthood during the months of May and June, let's also remember parents who struggle to care for their children. Please bring in donations of baby food from now through June 22nd. Contributions can be left in the box in the back of the church. Deacon Mary will deliver them to AFAC later that week.

Shrine Mont programs are open to all. Shrine Mont is a diocesan center in the Shenandoah Valley that many have visited as part of a parish retreat. What's less well known is that Shrine Mont hosts numerous other events that anyone can sign up for on their own, independent of their parish. Upcoming events in May focus on yoga, pickleball, and flower arranging. Go to <https://www.shrinemont.com> to learn more and to sign up for its monthly newsletter.

AFAC Bulk Food Packing On the second Friday evening of every other month, a group from St. John's spends an hour at the Arlington Food Assistance Center bagging food. Our next Friday evening session will be

July 11th. Contact Bill Pritchard on 703-931-2168 if you would like to join in this ministry to help our neighbors in need of food.

Little Free Food Pantry Thank you to all who have been supporting the LFFP with your donations. If shopping for items is difficult, our website includes a link to contribute funds on-line. Items that are regularly in high demand include canned protein (tuna or chicken), cereal (both cold and oatmeal), ready-to-eat meals (such as Beef-a-roni), ready-to-eat soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shelf-stable milk, water, dry lentils and beans, plain rice, peanut butter, and crackers. (but no glass containers, please and no more canned beans for a while). More information on the website stjohnsarlingtonva.org

Barbara Oliver maintains our common **Prayer List**, and sends cards to people who are ill, as well as birthday cards and anniversary cards. Please communicate with her at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org. If you are able to share in this ministry, please be in touch with the Rector or Barbara, as keeping in contact with one another is particularly important to those unable to be with us in worship. There is also a clipboard at the rear of the church on Sunday mornings where you can enter names of individuals to be remembered during prayers of the people

Clergy Contacts: Pastoral Care and other inquiries Calls are most welcome, especially if the clergy can be of help pastorally, or to explore ministry opportunities. Please call or text the Rector, the Rev Julie D. Bryant at 703-336-2255; her email address juliediane.bryant@gmail.com. You can reach Deacon Mary E. Cushing at 703-772-7457 or deaconmaryc@gmail.com.

The clergy also serve St. Patrick's, Falls Church where the Sunday service is at 11 am The St. Patrick's is located at 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042; their website is www.saintpatricks.us; and YouTube channel www.youtube.com/user/StPatsEpiscopal.

Live-Stream Worship Continues on Sundays We continue to provide Zoom access to our services. The bulletin for the service, Zoom link (also below) and recordings of the past several weeks' service are on our website www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org (info for attending services) The Zoom access link with embedded password is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFhSWdNlUk0ZDUT09>

If you can't use or copy the link, go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.us)/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020. If you don't have Zoom on your device, you will need to do that prior to the service. If you only want to participate by phone, dial either 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. When you are connected you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589, then be prompted to enter the password 2020.

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