

St. John's Episcopal Church

415 S. Lexington Street, Arlington, VA 22204

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 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 410 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

A Reading from Hosea. *1:2-10*

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

Psalm 85

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**

You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.**

Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.

**I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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Gradual Hymn 341 For the bread which you have broken *Omni die*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 11:1-13
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Homily

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

Agnus Dei S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 Hymn 711 Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God *Dona nobis pacem*

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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Serving Today

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
The Reverend Mary E. Cushing, Deacon
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music • Zane Price, Organist
Dave Dunlap, Usher • Faye Pritchard and Sandy Winger, Altar Guild
Eileen Tallent, Reader • Christine Williams, Prayers of the People
Patricia Broida, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Bill Pritchard, Teller • Christine Williams, Fellowship
Pete Olivere and Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

Announcements

Breathing Space Schedule Our Sunday evening Breathing Space offering continues, meeting on the third Sunday of the month. We 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: 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!

Shrine Mont 100th Anniversary As the Diocese celebrates, St John's will remember one of the last parish gatherings there, that included a Celtic Eucharist. We will use that service next week, August 3, and hope to have a taste of Camp, too.

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. Go to <https://www.shrinemont.com> to learn more and to sign up for its monthly newsletter.

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 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.

AFAC Bulk Food Packing An industrious group from St. John's met at the Arlington Food Assistance Center o July 11 to make family-sized servings out of 50 pound bags of oatmeal. In one hor the group produced about 575 bags to be distributed to needy families. Volunteering at AFAC is a bi-monthly activity for St. John's. Our next Friday evening session will be September 12 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

Live-Stream Worship Zoom access link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353789589?pwd=OWlmaElNYnpDZ1N2ZVFSWDNIKOZDUTo9> and Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. Password: 2020. Or, zoom.com/join Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

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