St John's Church in Somerville

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday
May 22, 2022

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning. When you enter our church with its crenelated tower, projecting gargoyles, stout buttresses, and warmly recognized big red doors, we hope you will see what St. John's is all about: worship, community, and service. As we strive to live out the two great commandments of our Lord, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor, we hope you will find St. John's to become more and more your spiritual home where so many others have already found a home. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Welcome and Offering

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the *QR* code with your capable electronic device, or visit simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/st158149

Eastertide and Rogation

We are in the midst of the season of Easter, a period of fifty days that begins on Easter Eve and concludes on the Day of Pentecost. During this season, we proclaim "Alleluia," (meaning "praise the Lord") to express our love and thankfulness for Jesus' resurrection.

The three days before Ascension Thursday are called "Rogation Days," from the Latin *rogare*, which means "to ask." These days were set aside to ask God's blessings on crops and harvests and to grant us temperate weather. This was also the Sunday set aside as a time to "beat the bounds," or trace the geographical boundaries of the parish. The inspiration for the Collect of the Day is 1 Corinthians 2:9: "As it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit."

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of St. John's Church in Somerville is "To know Christ and To make Him known."

PARISH STAFF: The Reverend Canon Ronald N. Pollock, Rector; The Reverend W. Keith McCoy, Deacon; Mark A. Trautman, Organist-Choirmaster and Administrator.

Holy Eucharist *at 8 o'clock*

The Word of God

Easter Acclamation and Collect for Purity — *BCP, page 355*
Gloria — *BCP, page 356*
Collect of the Day — *insert*

The Lessons

First Reading — *Acts 16:9-15*
Psalm 67 — *insert*
Second Reading — *Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5*
Gospel Reading — *John 14:23-29*
Sermon — *Mark Hernandez*
Nicene Creed — *BCP, page 358*
Prayers of the People

The response is Glory and praise to you, O living God. *The prayer concludes: "...and all our life to Christ our God." Respond,* To you, O Lord our God.

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The Holy Communion

Hymn 180 *Hymnal 1982* — UNSER HERRSCHER
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B — *BCP, page 367*
Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread — *BCP, page 364*
Postcommunion Prayer,
Blessing, Dismissal — *BCP, page 365*

The response is Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Eucharist *at 10:15 o'clock*

Voluntary — *Partita, 'Alle Menschen'* — *Johann Pachelbel*
Hymn 174 *Hymnal 1982* — SALZBURG

The Word of God

Easter Acclamation and Collect for Purity — *BCP, page 355*
Gloria — *Hymnal 1982, S 277*
Collect of the Day — *insert*

The Lessons

First Reading — *Acts 16:9-15*

Hymn *please remain seated*

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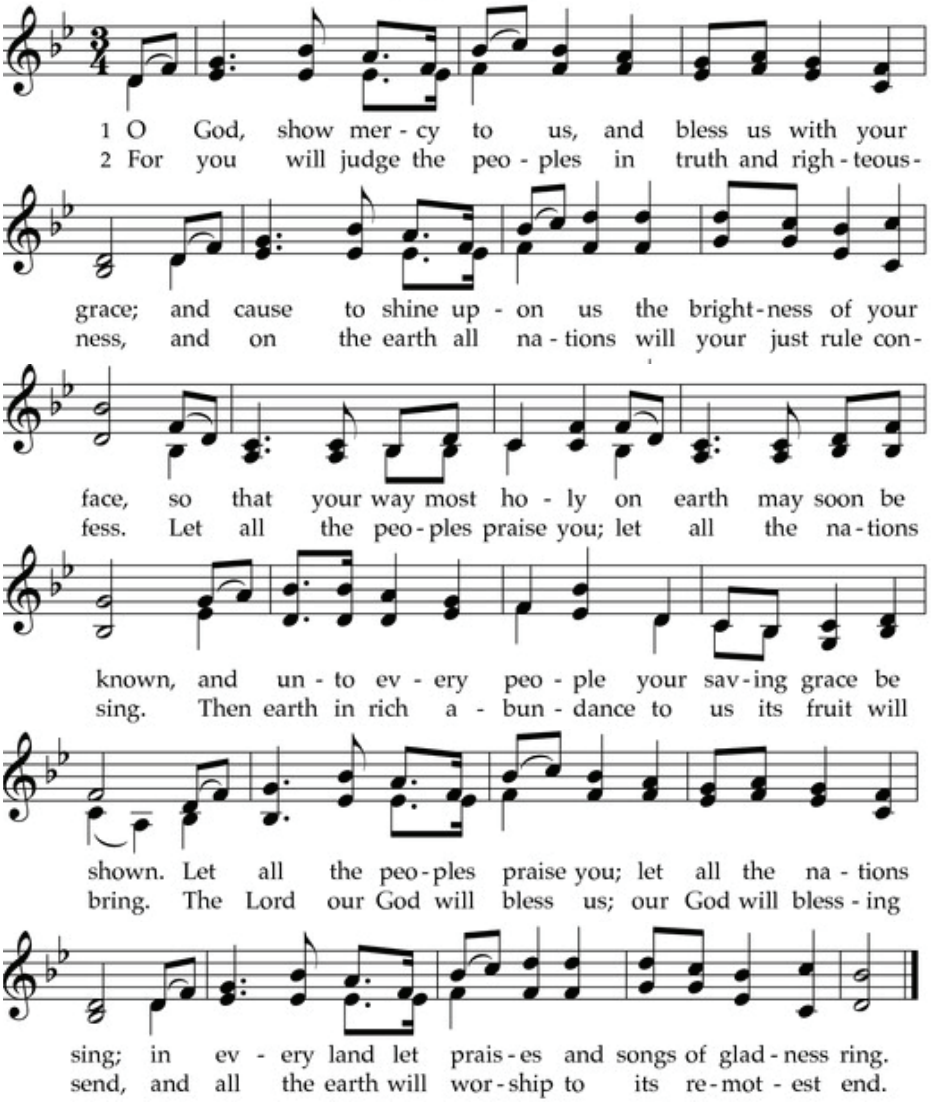
Text: Psalm 67; Tune: Gustav Holst, 1918



Second Reading *Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5*

Hymn 711 *Hymnal 1982* SEEK YE FIRST

Gospel Reading *John 14:23-29*

Sermon *Mark Hernandez*

Nicene Creed *BCP, page 358*

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The Peace *BCP, page 360*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Barry Rose*

sung by the St. John's Choristers

Risen Lord, Risen Lord,
Give us a heart for simple things.
Love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams.
Fill us with green growing hope:
Risen Lord, Risen Lord,
Make us a people whose song is Alleluia.
Whose sign is peace, and whose name is love.

—John Hencher

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B *BCP, page 367*

Sanctus *Hymnal 1982, S 131*

Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

Breaking of the Bread *Hymnal 1982, S 167*

Refrain The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Motet *Thomas Tallis*

sung by the Parish Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever, ev'n the Spirit of truth.

—John 14:15-17

Postcommunion Prayer *BCP, page 365*

Hymn 405 *Hymnal 1982* ROYAL OAK

Blessing, Dismissal

The response is Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary *Processional in D* *David N. Johnson*

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR: The flowers today are given to the glory of God Marianne Salanik in loving memory of her parents Albert and Marian Weidlich

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