

ST JOHN'S CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE

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*The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 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



The Season after Pentecost

The Sundays after Pentecost are often referred to as "Green Sundays" because of the continuous use of green hangings and vestments. They are also called "Ordinary Sundays" because they are numbered in ordinal fashion. The focus of this season is on developing a deeper understanding of Christian discipleship. In this Lectionary Year, the Gospel readings are from Luke; the Epistle readings are from Galatians, Colossians, Hebrews, Philemon, 1 and 2 Timothy, and 2 Thessalonians. Throughout the summer we are reminded of the beauty and wonder of God's creation, and the joy of being together with family and friends at home or on vacation.

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

Acclamation, Collect and <i>Kyrie</i>	<i>BCP, page 355</i>
Collect of the Day	<i>Proper 8, below</i>
First Reading	<i>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; see page 3</i>
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	<i>BCP, page 693</i>
Second Reading	<i>Galatians 5:1, 13-25; see page 3</i>
Gospel Reading	<i>Luke 9:51-62; see page 3</i>
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	<i>BCP, page 358</i>
Prayers of the People	<i>see page 5</i>
Confession of Sin, Absolution, and the Peace	<i>BCP, page 360</i>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn 482 <i>Hymnal 1982</i>	SLANE
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A	<i>BCP, page 361</i>
Lord's Prayer, Breaking of the Bread	<i>BCP, page 364</i>
Postcommunion Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal	<i>BCP, page 365</i>



HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:15 O'CLOCK

Voluntary	<i>Pastorale for Flute and Organ</i>	Charles Callahan
Entrance Hymn 525 <i>Hymnal 1982</i>		AURELIA

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation and Collect for Purity	<i>BCP, page 355</i>
<i>Kyrie</i>	<i>Hymnal 1982, S 95</i>
Collect of the Day	<i>Proper 8, BCP page 230</i>
Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>	

THE LESSONS

First Reading	<i>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14</i>
Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to	

Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." ... But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

BCP, page 693



Your way, O God, is ho - ly; who is so great a god as our God?

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is

opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Hymn

KELINGROVE

John Bell and Graham Maule, 1987



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
 the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 what I mean in you and you in me?
 touch and sound in you and you in me?
 live and grow in you and you in me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

Pride Sunday, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

Leader God-in-community, you created humankind in your image and blessed us with the capacity to love. We especially thank you for the gift of diverse sexualities and gender identities, especially those of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Queer siblings, whose identities reflect your multi-faceted likeness. God in community:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our diocesan bishop; and all those who minister in your name. Send your Spirit to lead your Church into your Way of Love.

We repent of the ways the Church has harmed our LGBTQ+ siblings and we recommit to making the Church a place of refuge and blessing for all people. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

We ask your guidance for all who bear the authority of government, especially Joseph our President, and Phil our Governor. Grant us discernment and courage as we dismantle systems of oppression and build a world rooted in justice and peace. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Bring healing and wholeness to those who experience oppression, trauma, dysphoria, addiction, or illness, including those living with HIV and AIDS. Fill us with the grace to receive all who look to you for their salvation. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Bless chosen and found families, kith and kin, that have become relationships of care and support for those who have been rejected from their families or origin. May they embody your compassionate grace which you freely give to all your beloved. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Stir up in us a care for the earth, for all plants and animals. Embolden us to honor your goodness in ourselves and in one another. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

We thank you for the witness of Queer Elders and Allies who have gone before us, who dared to envision a world of radical inclusion. We remember all who have fought and died to advance equity for your LGBTQ+ children in the Church, in this country, and around the world, and we pray for those who continue the work of justice. God in community:

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs, and for the needs of others....

Intercessions are offered for the sick and suffering, those serving in the military, birthdays and anniversaries, gifts at the altar, and all who have died. The Celebrant concludes with this collect:

Celebrant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, Absolution

BCP, page 360

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Prelude for Flute

Ulysees Kay

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP, page 361

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 129

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S 154

Hymn 74 *LEVAS II Hymnal*

CHEREPONI

Postcommunion Prayer

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Hymn 482 *Hymnal 1982*

SLANE

Blessing, Dismissal

Thanks to Leslie Pruess, flutist at today's 10:15 service



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