

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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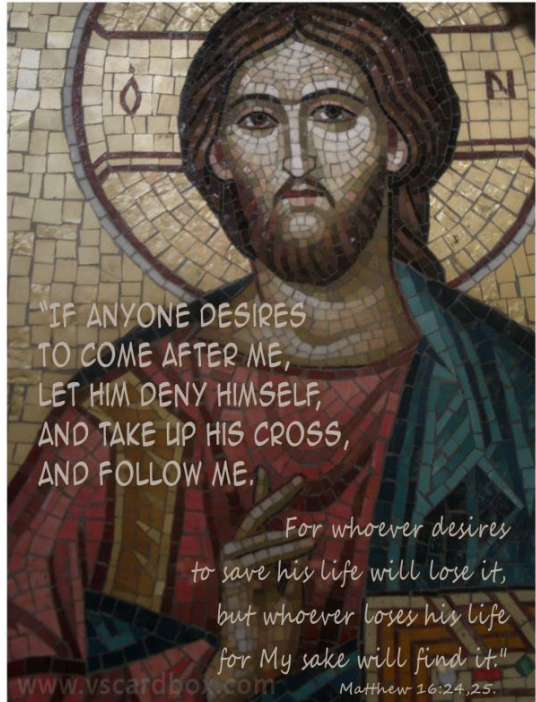
St. John's is an inclusive congregation and
welcomes everyone to worship with us.

Notre Église est une congrégation inclusive, et tout
le monde est bienvenu.

**A VERY WARM
WELCOME TO
OUR SERVICE
THIS MORNING**

**Sunday 30th August
2026
Thirteenth Sunday
after Trinity**

**Chaplain (Locum)
Warden
Music Director & Lay-Chair
Secretary
Congregational Worship Leader**



Revd James **Johnston**
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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE “God be in my head” - Solo by Padraig O’Rourke

OPENING HYMN # 70 Before the throne of God above

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

(3:1-15)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing,



yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will

send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO

I AM.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM ST. PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

(12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A man without prayer is like a tree without roots.

Pope PIUS XII (1856 - 1958)

Prayer catapults us onto the frontier of the spiritual life.

Richard J FOSTER (1942 -)

GOSPEL HYMN # 689 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(16:21-28)



From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? **‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father,** and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON “None other than the way of life and peace”

CHOIR ANTHEM Shirley Rowson “Remembering Joan”

“Ave Verum Corpus” by Mozart - In memoriam Joan LEROY



THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 27 All who would valiant be, ‘gainst all disaster

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 172 Father, Lord of all creation

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. We are very pleased to welcome Revd. Jamie Johnston, a colleague of our friend Roxana Teleman, to take our service this morning.
2. On Friday 18 September at 6pm the choir will be presenting "God's Green Planet", a service of words and music, and will be donating the proceeds to the charity Water Drops. Our friend, Bishop Patrick Rooke, a long time visiting member of our congregation and recent locum, is patron of this charity which provides a clean water supply to villages in Africa, in collaboration with the local Anglican Bishop. If we can raise 500€, that will buy one tank and there will be an acknowledgement to St John's. So come along, bring your friends and give generously!

Service for Sunday 6th September : (Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)

Communion with Bishop Patrick ROOKE

Ezekiel 33:7-9 ; Romans 12:19-21; Matthew 18:15-20

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