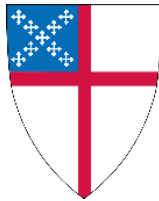


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO



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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Adoration”

Mark Hayes

WELCOME

The Rev. Christian Baron

(Church bells ring)

PROCESSIONAL

All creatures of our God and King

Hymn 400



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis C.D. Short

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and love and peace to the
 6 peo-ple. Migh-ty and im mor - tal, ho - ly God, we thank and
 9 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of
 13 God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mercy on us
 18 sinners, and in - ter - cede for us. For you a - lone are
 24 ho - ly, and wor - thy to be praised. - With the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 28 Lord, we pray thee, bless us with the glo-ry of God. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE PSALM 103:(1-7), 8-13

Benedic, anima mea

*(The people will read the alternate full verses in **bold**.)*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymn 603

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be

tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON The Rev. Christian Baron

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

(The Leader and People pray responsively)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. [Prayer List]

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT (pg. 394)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*)

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant, stands and says: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

The congregation being seated, the celebrant stands in full view of the people. The mentor and candidate(s) stand facing the celebrant.

The Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Celebrant asks the mentor: Are these persons you present ready to embark on a journey with God through the Education for Ministry program to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service?

Mentor: I believe they are.

The Celebrant: Will you commit yourself to this year of study, prayer, and reflection, both individually and with your Education for Ministry group?

Candidate(s): I will.

Celebrant: Will you be faithful in your attendance, diligent in your studies, and respect the dignity of all people in your group?

Candidate(s): I will.

Celebrant: Will all you who witness this new beginning support this person/these persons in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon this person/these persons who has/have now affirmed his/her/their commitment to the Education for Ministry program this year. Give him/her/them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

People: **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please know that at this church, there is no one who is ineligible or unwelcome to participate in the Eucharist at God's Table. Our altar is the table of our loving God, a table set to feed all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake!

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

(The People may sit while the table is set.) (On the First Sunday of each month, offerings not designated to a fund will go into the Priest's Discretionary Fund.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

OFFERTORY HYMN Take my life, and let it be Hymn 707

(People stand.)

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (BCP p.369)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***People:* By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The people stand or kneel as they are able)

The Celebrant continues: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”



After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for



the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

***People:* AMEN.**



THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

Celebrant: 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

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

*Congregation sings: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

Celebrant: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

WLP 764

*“Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
O taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.”*

(Stand or kneel as you are able.)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant: Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation Hymn 390

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

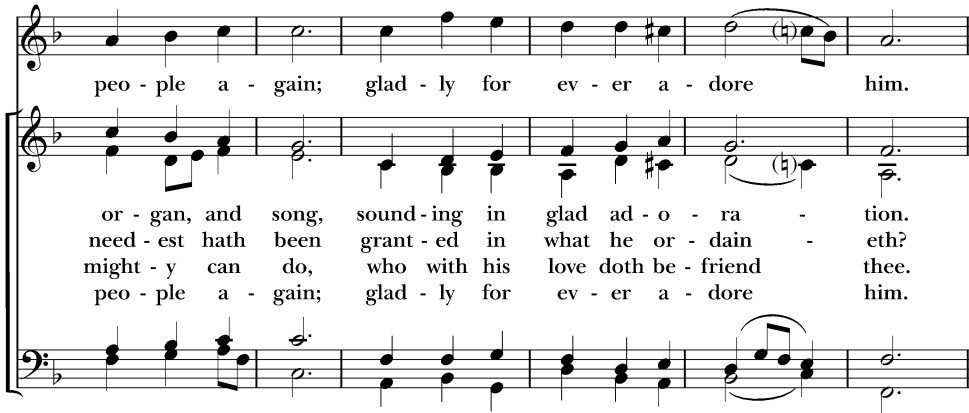
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound — from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“A Hymn of Confidence”

Max Reger

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: St. Matthew’s, Indianapolis, and The Rev. Frank Impicciche

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given by Barb Easterling and Susan Albrecht to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Fr. Christian’s first year with us and the energy he brings to St. John’s.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

THOSE SERVING TODAY

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Celebrant	The Rev. Christian Baron	The Rev. Christian Baron
Music	Jerilyn Yerkes	Jerilyn Yerkes
Lector	(8a) Mark Kusssmaul (10:30a) Ed Fain	(8a) Kim Green (10:30a) Jessie Hartnett
LEM	(8a) Meribeth Kusssmaul (10:30a) Kim Roberts & Jessica Roosa	(8a) Kim Green (10:30a) John Culley & Betty Culley
Acolyte	(8a) Aaron Morrison	(8a) Cyndy Fields
Crucifer	(10:30a) Katharine Morrison	(10:30a) Steve Charles
Greeters	Kathy Gary & Jim Gary	J. Lamberton & J. Hartnett
Counters	Ed Fain & Frank Sorrentino	Ellen Ball & Susan Albrecht
Altar Guild	Kathy Gary & Jessica Short	Cyndy Fields & Teresa Titus
LEV	Helen Hudson & Dan Booher	Helen Hudson & Dan Booher
Coffee Start	Frank Sorrentino	Meegan Reidy
Coffee Hour Host	St. Martha's Guild	St. Martha's Guild
Coffee Hour Clean-up	Helen Hudson	Meegan Reidy

INVITATIONS TO JOIN

To all Sisters in Christ who would like to learn about **THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)** and discern formation of a chapter at St. John's, Crawfordsville. Please join us in the St. John's Library next **Sunday, September 24th noon to 1:00 pm** for an informational meeting facilitated by Karen Sullivan, Diocesan President of The Order of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Indianapolis. DOK brochures are available on the credenza in the Whitlock Hall lobby. It may be helpful to watch a short YouTube video produced by The Order of the Daughters of the King titled "*A Closer Walk With God*" prior to the meeting. Contact Sue Fain, Daughter at Large, Province V.

We are looking for men to conduct a **CHILI COOKOFF** sometime in October or early November. We need Chili Chefs (time to bring out your favorite recipe!) but more men to help with planning, tickets, set up and clean up. Please contact Jim Gary or Ed Fain to sign up. We are hoping that this Cookoff will be the beginning of forming a **St.**

Johns Men Club to carry out more events and provide other assistance as needed for St. Johns.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM) St. John's EfM program for 2023-24 begins today, **September 17th** and continues each Sunday for 36 weeks. EfM is a four-year program in which students meet as a group to read and think about the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Christian History, and Theology. Contact Helen Hudson.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION Programming is offered each week between Sunday services from 9:15am-10:15am. On **September 24**, Connie Ezra, from the Recovery Coalition will lead us in a conversation about addiction and recovery.

PUB THEOLOGY Monday, September 18th from 5:30-6:30p. is our next Pub Theology discussion at [BackStep Brewery](#). The topic is "Does God care if you go to church?" There is no need to RSVP. (Drinking an alcoholic beverage is absolutely not important to participating in this event).

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS & G-SUITE TRAINING @ ST. JOHN'S Aaron Morrison is offering two free training sessions on an introduction to Google Documents & Google Suite Products. Join either **Tuesday evening, September 19th at 6 pm.** or **Saturday morning, October 14th at 10 am.** Contact Aaron Morrison for details.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS This year benefiting the MoCo Animal Welfare League. Bring your pets (furry, feathered or scaly!) to St. John's Wheat Field and receive a blessing by Fr. Christian Baron and help us collect donations for AWL on **Wednesday, October 4th from 6-7p.** We will be collecting supplies and monetary donations for the AWL including used towels, blankets and sheets, cat/dog beds, scoopable litter, Purina cat/dog/kitten chow, and metal water buckets.