



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026: PROPER 16
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Lieder ohne Worte" Op. 30, No. 6, Felix Mendelssohn

OPENING HYMN

"All creatures of our God and King" vs. 1, 4, 5, 7, The Hymnal 400

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un -
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, for -
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and

up your voic - es, let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
fold your bless - ings on our way, O___ praise him, Al - le -
giv - ing o - thers, take your part, O___ sing now: Al - le -
wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O___ praise him, A - le -

lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale
lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let
lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row bear, praise
lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
them his glo - ry al - so show: O___ praise him, O___
God, and cast on him your care:
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People

And blessed be God's playground, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

A new king came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. He spoke to his people with alarm, "There are way too many of these Israelites for us to handle. We've got to do something: Let's devise a plan to contain them, lest if there's a war they should join our enemies, or just walk off and leave us." So they organized them into work-gangs and put them to hard labor under gang-foremen. They built the storage cities Pithom and Rameses for Pharaoh. But the harder the Egyptians worked them the more children the Israelites had—children everywhere! The Egyptians got so they couldn't stand the Israelites and treated them worse than ever, crushing them with slave labor. They made them miserable with hard labor—making bricks and mortar and back-breaking work in the fields. They piled on the work, crushing them under the cruel workload. The king of Egypt had a talk with the two Hebrew midwives; one was named Shiphrah and the other Puah. He said, "When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the sex of the baby. If it's a boy, kill him; if it's a girl, let her live." But the midwives had far too much respect for God and didn't do what the king of Egypt ordered; they let the boy babies live. The king of Egypt called in the midwives. "Why didn't you obey my orders? You've let those babies live!" The midwives answered Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women; they're vigorous. Before the midwife can get there, they've already had the baby." God was pleased with the midwives. The people continued to increase in number—a very strong people. And because the midwives honored God, God gave them families of their own. So Pharaoh issued a general order to all his people: "Every boy that is born, drown him in the Nile. But let the girls live." A man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and had a son. She saw there was something special about him and hid him. She hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer she got a little basket-boat made of papyrus, waterproofed it with tar and pitch, and placed the child in it. Then she set it afloat in the reeds at the edge of the Nile. The baby's older sister found herself a vantage point a little way off and watched to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the Nile to bathe; her maidens strolled on the bank. She saw the basket-boat floating in the reeds and sent her maid to get it. She opened it and saw the child—a baby crying! Her heart went out to him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies." Then his sister was before her: "Do you want me to go and get a nursing mother from the Hebrews so she can nurse the baby for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes. Go." The girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter told her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I'll pay you." The woman took the child and nursed him. After the child was weaned, she presented him to Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses (Pulled-Out), saying, "I pulled him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 12:1-2

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Wede Harer Guzo” (May no harm touch you) Ethiopian Song

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel



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Tom Klotz
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Mary & Bruce Erickson
Alyssa & Nick Koinis
Kate & Brad Mead
Carolyn & Andy Ripps
Judith & Ed Schmitt
Margot Weber & Jesse Crane

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” He pressed them, “And how about you? Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter said, “You’re the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus came back, “God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn’t get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I’m going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. “And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.” He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling

God of laughter and light, God of mountains and rivers, God of children and wild creatures, you created this world not merely to be used but to be loved, not merely to be endured but to be enjoyed. As summer unfolds around us, teach us again the holy practice of delight.

Come out and play

We are God’s beloved children.

For your holy Church throughout the world. Where we have become anxious, make us trusting. Where we have become rigid, make us curious. Where we have become burdened, make us joyful. May we remember the words of Jesus: “Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Come out and play

We are God’s beloved children.

For the nations of the world. For places wounded by war, fear, division, and despair. Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and hope to those who have forgotten joy. May every child have space to laugh, dream, and flourish.

Come out and play

We are God’s beloved children.

For this valley, for Grand Teton and Yellowstone, for rivers rushing with snowmelt, for elk crossing ancient migration routes, for bears emerging from dens, for osprey and trout, for fireweed blooming after fire. May we learn from creation's endless dance of renewal.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For children everywhere. For those who teach us wonder. For those who ask questions adults have forgotten to ask. For those whose imaginations still stretch toward heaven. May we receive their wisdom with humility.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For all who are weary. For those carrying illness, grief, loneliness, depression, or fear. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list.

May your Spirit gently restore their hearts, bringing moments of laughter amid sorrow and companions for the journey.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

For this congregation. As we gather this summer beneath cathedral skies and mountain peaks, help us remember that faith is more than obligation. It is participation. It is wonder. It is joining the great dance of creation. As Sarah laughed at the birth of Isaac, as David danced before the Ark, as the disciples were astonished by the rushing wind of Pentecost, may we discover again the joy of being alive in your presence. We offer our delight for those celebrating birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

We pray for those who have died. Trusting the vision revealed to John; help us to see that one day every tear will be wiped away, death shall be no more, and all creation will join in the song of heaven. Until that day, keep us faithful, hopeful, and joyful.

Come out and play

We are God's beloved children.

God of delight, whose Wisdom rejoiced before the foundations of the world, whose Son welcomed children, and whose Spirit came like wind and fire, renew in us the gift of holy joy. Free us from fear, restore our sense of wonder, and teach us again how to live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available for more information on what is happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

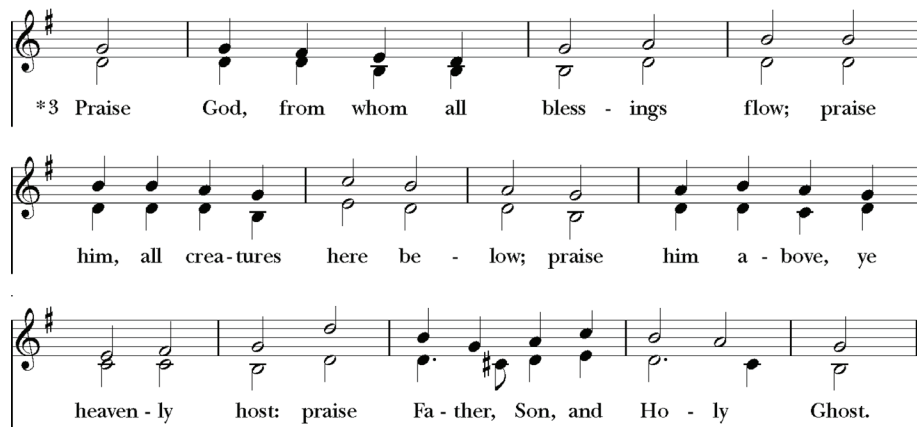
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you;
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” vs. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able



GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: COME OUT & PLAY

The People stand as able

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth. Before there were mountains, before rivers carved their paths through valleys, before stars burned in the darkness, your Wisdom delighted in your presence and rejoiced in the world you were creating. You spoke, and galaxies danced into being. You breathed, and life awakened. You called creation good. Again and again, you called it good. You made humanity in your image, not merely to survive, but to wonder, to create, to love, to play, and to share in the joyful stewardship of your world. When we forget our belovedness, when fear replaces wonder, and striving replaces delight, you do not abandon us. Through prophets and poets, through wilderness and wisdom, through animals and children at play, you call us home.

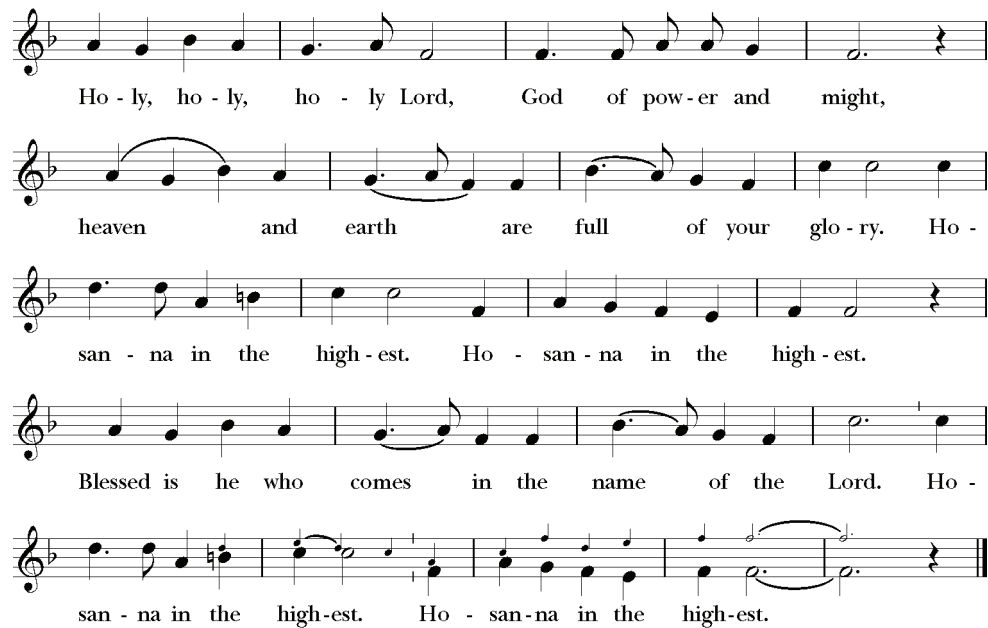
In Jesus, your Word made flesh, we see the fullness of human life. He welcomed children. He attended weddings. He shared meals with friends. He told stories about seeds and birds and lilies. He revealed a kingdom where joy is stronger than fear and love is stronger than death.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with elk bugling in autumn meadows, with rivers rushing from mountain snow, with every creature beneath heaven, who forever sing:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx, Hymnal S125

The Celebrant and the People sing together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, in your infinite love you made us for yourself. And when we had wandered, you sought us. When we were lost, you found us. When we forgot how to live, you showed us the way.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread. When he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine. 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant

Christ has died.

& People

Christ is risen.

Christ comes again and again.

We celebrate our relationship with you, offering you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the food and drink of new and unending life. Sanctify us, too, that we may faithfully receive this sacrament, and be renewed as your joyful people at play. Teach us again how to marvel. Teach us again how to laugh. Teach us again how to trust. Make us like children who know they are loved.

Send us into the world to play our part in your great story, to tend the earth, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, to practice mercy, and to delight in the gift of being alive. Bring us at last into that heavenly dinner table where every tear is wiped away, where creation is restored, where death is no more, and where all things join in the eternal joy of your kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

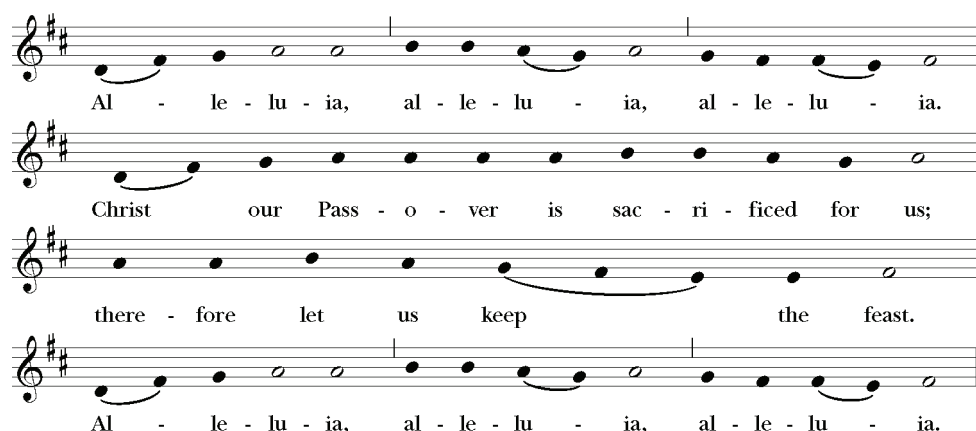
*Celebrant
& People*

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Christ our Passover” from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154,



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion.



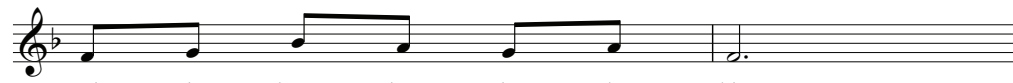
COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“Spirit Blowing through Creation” vs. 1-4



1. Spir - it blow - ing through cre - a - tion,
2. As you moved up - on the wa - ters,
3. Love that sends the riv - ers danc - ing,
4. All the crea - tures you have fash - ioned,



Spir - it burn - ing in the skies,
As you ride up - on the wind,
Love that wa - ters all that lives,
All that live and breathe in you,



Let the hope of your sal - va - tion fill our eyes;
Move us all, your sons and daugh - ters deep with - in;
Love that heals and holds and rous - es and for - gives;
Find their hope in your com - pas - sion, strong and true;



God of splen - dor, God of glo - ry,
As you shaped the hills and moun - tains,
You are food for all your crea - tures,
You, O Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



You who light the stars a - bove, All the heav - ens tell the
Formed the land and filled the deep, Let your hand re - new and
You are hun - ger in the soul, In your hands the bro - ken -
You a - lone, be - neath, a - bove, Come, re - new your whole cre -



sto - ry of your love.
wak - en all who sleep.
heart - ed are made whole.
a - tion in your love.

Refrain



Spir - it re - new - ing the earth, re - new - ing the hearts of all



peo - ple; Burn in the wea - ry souls,



blow through the si - lent lips, come now a - wake us,



Spir - it of God.

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us play.

God of joy and wonder, you have fed us with the bread of life and refreshed us with the wine of gladness. Send us now into this playground of creation, filled with the knowledge that we are all your beloved children. Make us light in spirit, open in heart, quick to laugh, ready to love, and eager to play our part in the healing of your world. Restore in us a childlike joy and wonder, that we may receive each day as a gift, and play nicely with those around us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May God fill your days with joy, your hearts with wonder, and your lives with love and laughter. Go out and play in God's good creation. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always. **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

“Come, ye thankful people, come” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 290



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
we whole - some grain and pure may be.
store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“A Festive Trumpet Tune,” Gilbert M. Martin

We invite you to join us for Stewardship Sunday Brunch on the lawn after the service.



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Haley at haley@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.

The altar flowers are in memory of Doug Ayers, given by Nancy Ayers.



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