

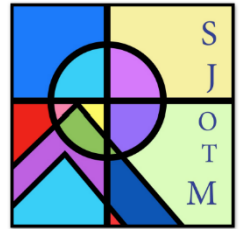


St. Bernard's Episcopal Church St. John on the Mountain

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

10:00 am Joint Holy Eucharist and Baptism
at St. Bernard's Church



Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

PRELUDE

The assembly stands as able to sing the hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 427

When morning gilds the skies

Laudes Domini

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| 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
with: Jesus Christ be praised! |
| 3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 4 Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! |
| 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised! | |

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer p. 299

<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>Assembly</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Presider</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>Assembly</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Presider</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>Assembly</i>	One God and Father of all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 280

sung by all

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR BAPTISM

Daily Prayer for All Seasons p. 51

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>Assembly</i>	And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. God, you draw us into your love through baptism: Teach us to abide in the knowledge of your love and to share that love with all your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated for the lessons

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10

read by Sue Kennedy

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

If with all your hearts, from *Elijah*
Gwen Buchanan, guest soloist

Felix Mendelssohn

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

read by Mary Kempen

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – *Children (and parents) are welcome to come forward for a brief story*

The assembly stands as able for the hymn.

After the Gospel acclamation the assembly will be seated for the sharing of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abott's Leigh

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| 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love. | 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God. |
| 3 God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign. | |

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

We encourage you to listen to the Gospel. To read along, the Gospel can be found in the pew Bible on pp. 850-851.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

HOLY BAPTISM

The baptismal candidate, parents, and godparents gather in front of the pews by the baptismal font.

Baptismal Candidate *Rory Thomas Sheehan*

Parents *Jason and Rosie Sheehan*

Godparents *Dean Sheehan, Courtney Marshall*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP p. 301

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents I present Rory Thomas to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Presider invites the assembly to stand and addresses all gathered, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Rory in his life in Christ?

Assembly **We will.**

Presider Let us join with Rory who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP p. 304

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

led by Courtney Marshall

BCP p. 305

Presider Let us now pray for Rory who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Intercessor Deliver Rory, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Open him heart to your grace and truth.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Send him into the world in witness to your love.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP p. 306

Presider The Lord be with you.
Intercessor **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Intercessor **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

BCP p. 307

Rory Thomas, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Rory Thomas, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**
Presider Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**
Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Assembly **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

A Baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal Candle to represent the light of Christ in Rory.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Solo an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry.
The loose offering will be split between the two parishes. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY SOLO

Panis Angelicus
Gwen Buchanan, guest soloist

César Franck

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *All stand as able and sing* *Old 100th (Hymn 380, stanza 3)*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Proper Preface is said.)* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-129

Robert Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve

you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

Presider 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Assembly **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome to say A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below during Communion.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Diocese of Oxford, England)

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock./You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your Body and unite me in your Blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SOLO

Shall We Gather at the River
Jocelyn Alam, soloist

arr. John Carter

The assembly stands as able for the Post Communion Prayer

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching our Worship 1 p. 69

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

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| 1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died. | 2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued. |
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3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
Assembly **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Assisting today at OUR SERVICE	
<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauén Sciaíno
<i>Director of Music</i>	Tyler Weakland
<i>Soloist</i>	Jocelyn Alam
<i>Guest Soloist</i>	Gwen Buchanan
<i>Lectors</i>	Sue Kennedy, Mary Kempen, Courtney Marshall
<i>Chalicer</i>	Mary Kempen
<i>Usher</i>	Frank Curtis
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Kempen, Carmen Paul
<i>Summer Refreshments</i>	Jason & Rosie Sheehan



Flower Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and
in memory of Willowdean Stone and Dominic Marinaccio (Rory's great-grandparents),
by Rosie, Jason, Fynn, and Rory Sheehan.

They are also given in memory of Jack and Elise Leahy on their anniversary, by Jane Rauén.



Please join in praying for all on our parish Prayer Lists:

St. Bernard's Prayer List *Peter Ernster, Virginia Brooks, Sheri Whaley, the Jenkins Family, Clarke, Martha, Marion Hall, Alexandra, Beth Procassini, Richard and Karen Johnson, Nick, Annie Morgan, Jack Morra, Julie and David Garast, Jim Normark, Dale Thompson, Phyllis Huebner, Jill, Max, Frank, Rob Hillman, Patrick, Neil Stuart, John Panico, Pat Hawkins, Bill Swain, Gary Pelletier, Elizabeth Askew, Daniel Canose, Pamela Hull, Jane Odenweller, Ann Curtis, Barrett Barlow, Nancy Ault, David Wang, Kyle Matthews, Mady Reilly, Kristyn Barry, Jeff Jancarek, the Clark Family*

St. John's Prayer List *Frank, Al Haueis, Rusty Mickelson, Barbara Mushalko, Suzanna Rosen, Scott, Bill Young, Jack Morra, Eloise, Jo, Karin, Pat Hawkins, Carole Fresco, Dulcy Green, Anne Kearns, Alexander Kloeti, Jim Gordon, Ryan, Wood Huntley, Bruce Lee, Patricia Miles, Megan Baird*

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