

The same is indicated by the decollation of John, and the exaltation of Christ upon the cross; as it had already been shown by their birthdays: for, from the birth of John the days begin to shorten, and from the birth of our Lord they begin to grow longer.” *St. Augustine of Hippo*

The holy doctor here gives a useful lesson to those who guide souls along the path to perfection. If, from the very beginning, they must respectfully observe the movements of grace in each of them, in order to second the Holy Ghost, and not to supplant Him; so also, in proportion as these souls advance, the directors must be careful not to impede the Word by the abundance of their own speech. Moreover, they must discreetly respect the ever-growing powerlessness of those souls to express what our Lord is working in them. Happy to have led the bride to the Bridegroom, let them learn to say with John: ‘He must increase, but I must decrease.’

The sacred cycle itself seems to convey to us too a similar lesson; for, during the following days, we shall see its teaching as it were tempered down, by the fewness of the feasts, and the disappearance of great solemnities until November. The school of the holy liturgy aims at adapting the soul, more surely and more fully than could any other school, to the interior teaching of the Spouse. Like John, the Church would be glad to let God alone speak always, if that were possible here below; at least, towards the end of the way, she loves to moderate her voice, and sometimes even to keep silence, in order to give her children an opportunity of showing that they know how to listen inwardly to Him, who is both her and their sole love. Let those who interpret her thought, first understand it well. The friend of the Bridegroom, who, until the nuptial-day, walked before Him, now stands and listens; and the voice of the Bridegroom, which silences his own, fills him with immense joy: ‘This my joy therefore is fulfilled,’ said the precursor.

Thus the feast of the Decollation of St. John may be considered as one of the landmarks of the liturgical year. With the Greeks it is a holiday of obligation. Its great antiquity in the Latin Church is evidenced by the mention made of it in the martyrology called St. Jerome’s, and by the place it occupies in the Gelasian and Gregorian sacramentaries. The precursor’s blessed death took place about the feast of the Pasch; but, that it might be more freely celebrated, this day was chosen, whereon his sacred head was discovered at Emesa.



## XIII SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

29 AUGUST 2021

10:30 AM SUNG MATTINS

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION



The Rev. Fr. Daniel S. Trout, *Rector*

Mr. C. Lance Davis, CAGO, *Music Minister*

The Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Ph.D., *Bishop Ordinary*

Joseph McRoy, *Senior Warden*; Barbara Z., *Junior Warden*; Rebecca Blair, *Treasurer*; Roberta Hannibal, *Secretary*; Beverly Roberts, *Editor*; Lucy Whitehorne, Barbara Cope, *Vestrymen*

Welcome to St. Luke Church, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor. Children of all ages are fully welcome in each liturgy. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book located in the Narthex and fill out a Visitor Card. Newcomer packets are also available upon request. Please refer to the *Book of Common Prayer* (beginning on pg. 67) and the *Hymnal* throughout the Mass. We ask that you please keep prayerful silence in the church both before and after the liturgy. Silence is golden, but especially in church!

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## SUNG MATTINS

¶ The following page numbers relate to “The Daily Office Noted” booklet, unless otherwise stated. The liturgy begins on page 2 of the booklet. Please observe all postures as noted in that booklet.

¶ Please stand as the bells are rung.

|                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Opening Sentence                   | BCP 5                  |
| Opening Versicles                  | DON 2                  |
| Invitatory & Venite, <i>Tone 1</i> | DON 3                  |
| Psalm 73, <i>Tone 1</i>            | BCP 428                |
| Lesson                             | <i>Ecclus. 17:1-15</i> |
| <i>Benedictus</i>                  | DON 15                 |
| Creed & Preces                     | DON 17                 |
| Collects & Closing Versicles       | DON 21                 |

## SUNG MASS

¶ Please stand as the bells are rung.

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| Processional Hymn | Hymn Board |
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¶ Please kneel during the Introit.

Introit  
Look, O Lord, upon the covenant, and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever: arise, O God, maintain thine own cause, and be not unmindful of the voices of them that seek thee. O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep in thy pasture? *Gloria Patri.*

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| Collect for Purity | BCP 67      |
| Summary of the Law | BCP 69      |
| Kyrie              | Hymnal #747 |

# THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST

*Excerpt from*  
The Liturgical Year, Dom Prosper Gueranger

The greatest of ‘them that are born of women’ died without witnesses, the prisoner of a petty tyrant, the victim of the vilest of passions, the wages of a dancing girl! Rather than keep silence in the presence of crime, although there were no hope of converting the sinner, or give up his liberty, even when in chains: the herald of the Word made flesh was ready to die. How beautiful, as St. John Chrysostom remarks, is this liberty of speech, when it is truly the liberty of God’s Word, when it is an echo of heaven’s language! Then, indeed, it is a stumbling-block to tyranny, the safeguard of the world and of God’s rights, the bulwark of a nation’s honour as well as of its temporal and eternal interests. Death has no power over it. To the weak murderer of John the Baptist, and to all who would imitate him to the end of time, a thousand tongues, instead of one, repeat in all languages and in all places: ‘It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife.’

‘O great and admirable mystery!’ cries out Saint Augustine:

“He must increase, but I must decrease, said John, said the voice which personified all the voices that had gone before announcing the Father’s Word Incarnate in His Christ. Every word, in that it signifies something, in that it is an idea, an internal word, is independent of the number of syllables, of the various letters and sounds; it remains unchangeable in the heart that conceives it, however numerous may be the words that give it outward existence, the voices that utter it, the languages, Greek, Latin and the rest, into which it may be translated. To him who knows the word, expressions and voices are useless. The prophets were voices, the apostles were voices; voices are in the psalms, voices in the Gospel. But let the Word come, the Word who was in the beginning, the Word who was with God, the Word who was God; when we shall see Him as He is, shall we hear the Gospel repeated? Shall we listen to the prophets? Shall we read the Epistles of the apostles? The voice fails where the Word increases. . . . Not that in Himself the Word can either diminish or increase. But He is said to grow in us, when we grow in Him. To him, then, who draws near to Christ, to him who makes progress in the contemplation of wisdom, words are of little use; of necessity they tend to fail altogether. Thus the ministry of the voice falls short in proportion as the soul progresses towards the Word; it is thus that Christ must increase and John decrease.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Latin Compline

This Wednesday, September 1st, our summer Latin course will consummate with a Plainsong chanting of Compline (in Latin) following the 6:30 p.m. Evensong and supper. The parallel Latin-English order of service has been uploaded to Faithlife, so please consider attending this week to join in praying this with us!

## Men's Fellowship Group

Attention, gentlemen of the parish! St. Luke is preparing to launch a new monthly men's meetup group to encourage fellowship, religious discussion, and prayer. Please inquire with Father if interested and to let him know your day of preference to meet (Tuesday or Thursday evenings). Thank you for your consideration!

## Organ Campaign

Our campaign to raise funds to upgrade our organ has commenced. Please see brochures on the table in the narthex.

## UPCOMING SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, August 31: **Sung Mattins** and breakfast at 8:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 1: **Evensong** at 6:30 PM; followed by Supper. **Latin Compline** at 7:30 PM.
- Thursday, September 2: **Low Mass** at 11:30 AM.
- Sunday, September 5: TRINITY XIV. **Low Mass** at 9:00 AM. **Sung Mattins** at 10:30 AM. **Sung Mass** at 11:00 AM

## PRAYER LIST

Jim, Sam, Laura, Levine, Marti, Beverly, Tom, Julia, Lynn, Benita, Leslie, William, Ernie, Ruth, Kristi, James, Luther family, Amy, Lamar, Penny, Hope, Marsha, Stephanie, Becky, Norah, Kevin, Elizabeth, Michael, Robin, Ronnie, Michi, Steven, Todd, Bryan, Jacquie, Lecia, Diann, Donna, David, Jonathan, Stephen, Kathie, Alex, Carol, Nancy, Jeremy, Marie, Richard, Rich, Tommy, Grace, Naysel, Althea, Jeannine, Beth, Judy, Craig, Joe, Ricie, Mark

Collect(s) of the Day  
Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John Baptist

BCP 207  
Missal

¶ **Please be seated.**

The Epistle

BCP 207

¶ **Please stand for the Gradual and Hymn.**

Gradual & Alleluia

Look upon the covenant, O Lord, and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever. Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause; remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.



**A**L- LE- LU- IA. Al - le- lu- ia.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. ALLELUIA.

Gospel Hymn  
The Gospel  
Nicene Creed

Hymn Board  
BCP 208  
BCP 71

¶ **The Creed will be monotoned together.**

Sermon

¶ **Please stand for the Offertory Sentence and Hymn.**

Offertory Sentence

My hope hath been in thee, O Lord; I have said: thou art my God, my time is in thy hand.

Offertory Hymn  
Presentation of Alms  
Orate Fratres

Hymn Board  
Hymnal #139

℣. Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

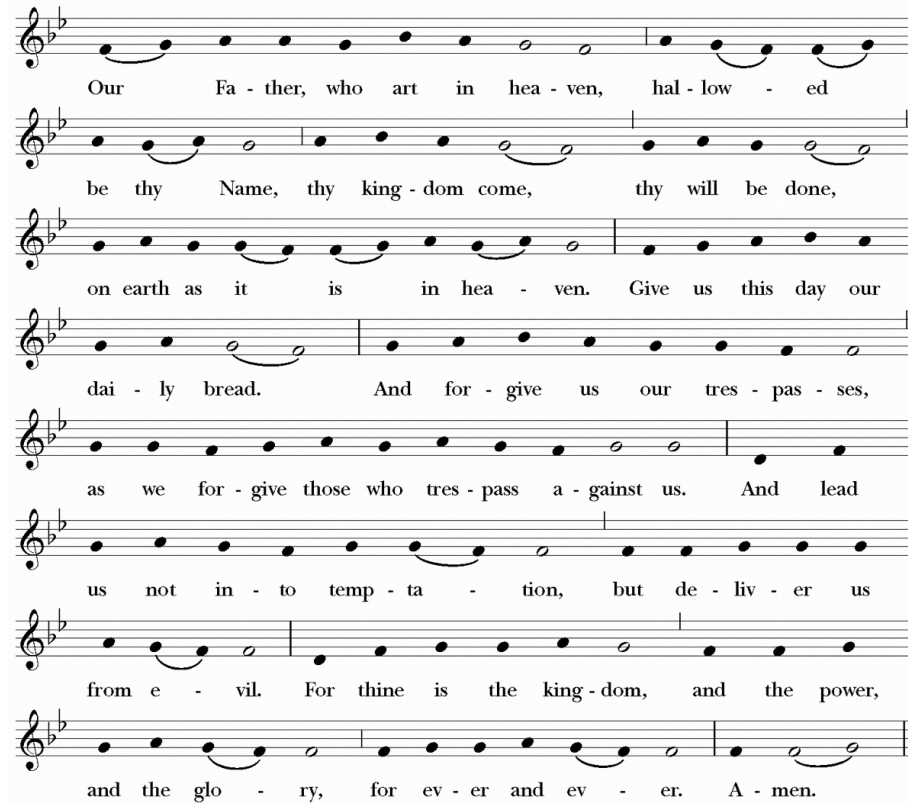
℟. *May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.*

¶ **Please kneel.**

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church  
General Confession & Comfortable Words  
Sursum Corda and Preface  
Sanctus et Benedictus  
The Canon of the Mass

BCP 74  
BCP 75  
Hymnal #734  
Hymnal #799  
BCP 80

¶ **The Priest alone intones the words “Our Father,” and we join at “who art in heaven”.**



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Pax Domini  
 Prayer of Humble Access  
 Agnus Dei  
 Ecce Agnus Dei

BCP 82  
 Hymnal #749

∞. Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
 ℞. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only,  
 and my soul shall be healed. **(Said thrice)**

The Holy Communion

¶ **Any baptized Christian who is a regular communicant in the Anglican, Orthodox, or Roman Catholic traditions is invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable or do not wish to receive the Holy Communion, you may approach with your arms crossed over your chest, and the priest will extend you a blessing. Whilst in your pew, please remain in quiet prayer.**

Communion Sentence

Thou didst send them bread from heaven, O Lord: able to content every man's delight, and agreeing to every taste.

¶ **Please kneel for the hymn.**

Communion Hymn  
 Communion Thanksgiving

Hymn Board  
 BCP 83

¶ **Please stand.**

*Gloria in excelsis* (Scottish chant)

Hymnal #739

¶ **Please kneel.**

Post-Communion Collect  
 Dismissal and Blessing

BCP 84

¶ **Please stand for the final Hymn.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Hymn Board

¶ **During the Organ Voluntary, you may kneel or be seated. We ask that you remain in quiet prayer, and suggest that you make your Communion Thanksgiving at this time. Suitable devotions may be found on pg. 100ff of *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*, and at the bottom of this page. Please wait until arriving in the Parish Hall before carrying on conversations with others. Thank you for your assistance as we strive to make St. Luke's a place of prayer, reverence, and peace.**

Announcements, Parish Notices, and Special Occasion Blessings

### Thanksgiving Prayer for the Holy Communion

**I** RENDER thanks unto thee, most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, true Light, the salvation of believers, the solace and hope of all the sorrowful, the joy of the Angels; that thou hast vouchsafed this day to feed my thy servant, a miserable and great sinner, with thy most sacred Body and Blood. Wherefore I, most miserable and tainted with numberless faults, with tearful prayers do implore thy most tender mercy and great clemency, that this most sweet refreshment, this high and incomprehensible Communion, may not be to me for Judgement of my soul; but may profit me as a remedy for driving out all the deceit and wickedness of the devil's guile, so that no iniquity of his may dominate me in my heart, body, soul, and senses; but that thy mercy may bring me to the heavenly feast of the Angels, where thou art true blessedness, glorious light, and everlasting joy. Amen.