



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community  
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 20

## RALLY DAY

**Holy Eucharist Rite II - 9:30 a.m.**

**September 22, 2024**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service speak to one another.*

## The Rector's Welcome

Happy new academic year! The hustle and bustle of this thriving parish is upon us again! The children are back in school, singing like little angels. The Choir has returned from a well-deserved break, and we are ready to put the pedal to the metal to make Jesus Christ known, worshipped, and adored here in Tampa!

Sunday School, Children's Chapel, and Adult Formation opportunities on Sunday mornings are returning. Look out for some incredible once-per-month Wednesday night activities this year as we gear up for some of the most fun this parish has ever had. The clergy hope you will join us for a ten-to-fifteen-minute class most Sunday mornings following the 9:30 a.m. service. Those offerings will be made known during the announcements. We offer Sunday School for all school-aged children; please be sure to receive communion first before heading to Sunday School.

All are invited to join us in these various ministries, and all visitors are especially encouraged to join Saint John's and be welcomed into this incredible parish and day school. Nothing makes us happier here at Saint John's than welcoming visitors and new members. If you are looking for a church home, look no further; you have found your home!

We aspire to be a blessing to all who come through this church's doors, and we pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in greeting you and making you feel welcome.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Christian M. Wood  
*Rector*

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*The people stand as the Ministers enter*

**Processional Hymn 637**

*Lyons*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause  
thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

'The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.'

*K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt.*

'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

**PROPER ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-278**

William Mathias

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 the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit*

## THE LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL: PSALM 54

Joseph Barnby

*Sung by the choir*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake, \* and avenge me in thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God, \* and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me; \*

*and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.*

4 Behold, God is my helper; \* the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: \* destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord; \*  
*because it is so comfortable.*

7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble; \*

*and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## THE EPISTLE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*Lector* A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in

your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

*Pre-K and Elementary School-aged children now follow the cross to Children's Chapel*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 482**

*Slane*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Father Wood

*The people sit*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing*)

*Celebrant and people*

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 IV)*

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for our Parish Community; for our shared life of prayer, for our many ministries and their volunteers, and those who have made financial contributions to support them. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially \_\_\_\_\_ give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those recently departed this life \_\_\_\_\_; [and for \_\_\_\_\_ in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given today;] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*All* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*The people sit*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Anthem** *Ubi caritas*  
*Sung by the choir*

Maurice Durufle

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

*Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.*

*Congregávit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultémus et in ipso iucundémur.  
Timeámus et amémus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligámus nos sincéro.*

*Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,  
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.  
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,  
so let us in sincerity love all people.*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Amen.*

*Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.  
Amen.*

*All stand*

### Doxology Hymn 380, stanza 3

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Preface of the Lord's Day*

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-128**

William Mathias

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.

*The people remain standing as they are able*

*Celebrant*

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 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 and people*

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

*Celebrant*

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.**

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

*Celebrant and 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

**Fraction Anthem S-165**

William Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.  
If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing  
(indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

## Communion Motet *Ave verum corpus*

Sir Edward Elgar

*Sung by the choir*

*Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cujus latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis prægustatum  
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)  
in the trial of death!*

## Communion Hymn 414

Stuttgart

God, my King, thy might confessing,  
ever will I bless thy Name;  
day by day thy throne addressing,  
still will I thy praise proclaim.

Honor great our God befitteth;  
who his majesty can reach?  
Age to age his works transmitteth,  
age to age his power shall teach.

They shall talk of all thy glory,  
on thy might and greatness dwell,  
speak of thy dread acts the story,  
and thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from memory's treasure  
works by love and mercy wrought,  
works of love surpassing measure,  
works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion,  
slow to anger, vast in love,  
God is good to all creation;  
all his works his goodness prove.

All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;  
thee shall all thy saints adore:  
King supreme shall they confess thee,  
and proclaim thy sovereign power.

*Richard Mant (1776-1848); para. of Psalm 145:1-2*

*The people stand as they are able*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the Blessing*

*People*    **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Processional Hymn 390

*Lobe den Herren*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things  
he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings,  
safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth  
prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall  
ever attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all  
that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.



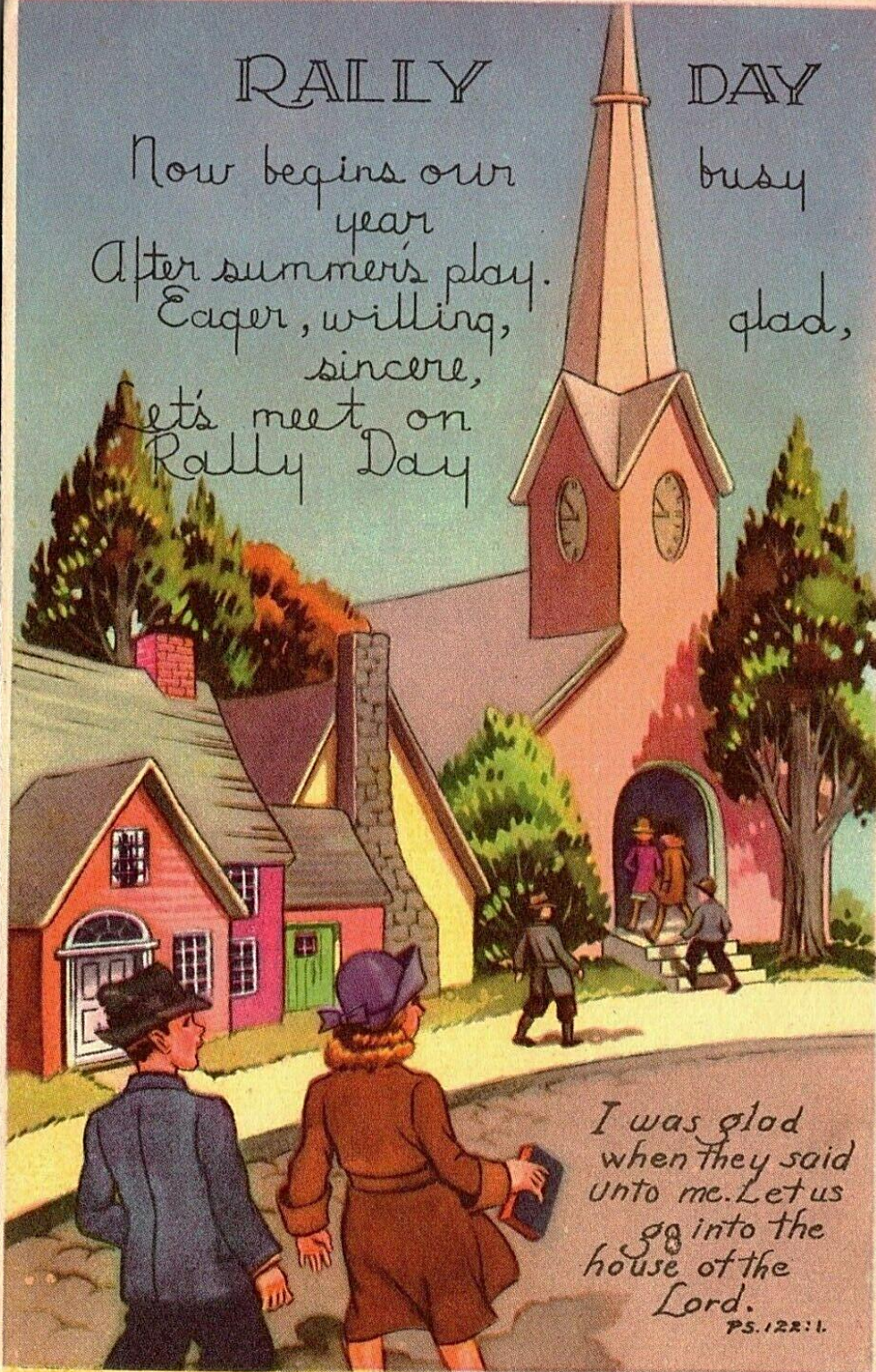
RALLY

DAY

Now begins our  
year  
After summer's play.  
Eager, willing,  
sincere,  
let's meet on  
Rally Day

busy

glad,



I was glad  
when they said  
unto me. Let us  
go into the  
house of the  
Lord.

PS. 122:1.







# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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