



St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

All Saints
November 2, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Praeambulum in E*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand to sing the

Opening Hymn #287 *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

SINE NOMINE

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Gloria S-280

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

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 Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

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

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

Tone I.1



- *1 *Hallelujah!*
Sing to the LÓRD a nÉw song; *
sing his praise in the congregation / of the fáithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejóice in his MÁker; *
let the children of Zion be / joyful ín their King.
- 3 Let them praise his NÁme in thé dance; *
let them sing praise to him with / timbrel ánd harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pléasure in his' people *
and adorns the / poor with víctory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejóice in tríumph; *
let them be / joyful óñ their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of Gód be ín their throat *
and a two-edged / sword in thÉir hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance ón the nátions *
and punishment / on the pÉoples;
- 8 To bínd their kÍngs in chains *
and their no/bles with líñks of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the júdgment décreed; *
this is glóry for all his faithful people.
/Hallelújah! [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23

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

Sequence Hymn #656 *Blest are the pure in heart*

FRANCONIA

Verses 1 - 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Verse 4 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

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Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rector

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

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

The Celebrant says

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 of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Bridget, Lyn, Megan, Markus, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia and Renee;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Bless the saints who now rest from their labors, O Lord, especially those we remember today: Fredrika Van Vleck Cox, Janice Dinkins Ferguson, Steven Wang, CK Leung, Lurette Bourne, Sandra Geary, Lisa Strawbridge, Bill Fleming, Nancy Hoop, Sue Fisher Seeger and John Ferguson.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister 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 Priest 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #286 *Who are these like stars appearing* ZEUCH MICH, ZEUCH MICH



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via [Tithely.ly](https://tithely.org).

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Presider continues, concluding with:

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:

The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

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 Presider continues to give thanks, and invites all to join in

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Presider continues praying, concluding with

Presider 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.

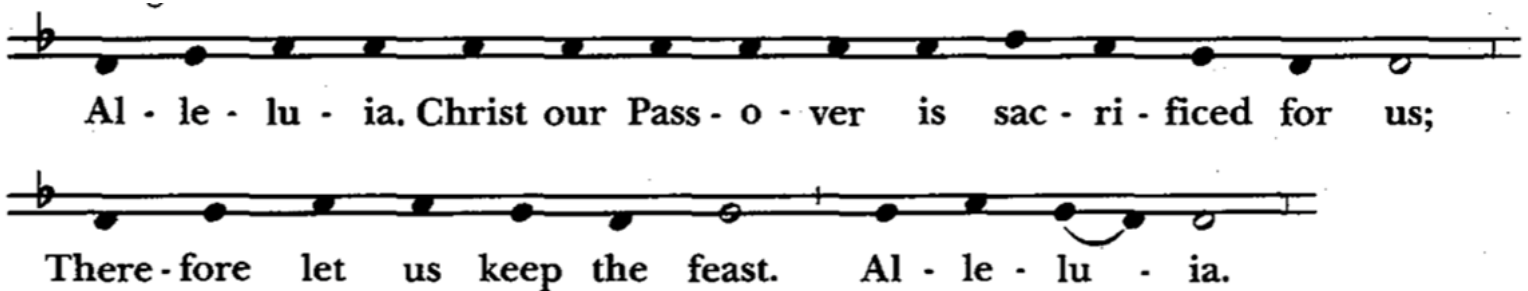
All **AMEN.**

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



Communion Anthems

I heard a voice

These are they that follow the lamb

John Goss (1800-1880)

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #618 *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Toccata on Lasst uns erfreuen*

James Woodman (b. 1957)

The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Nancy Armstrong

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Simon Ringrose, Vestry Person of the Day

Catherine Womack and Kate Gunsch, Readers

Alice Krapf, Intercessor

Catherine Womack, Chalice

Jen DiManno and Cary Cox, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Jane Struss, Catherine Womack, Brendan and Birgitta Ryback, Coffee Hour Hosts

We Remember the Saints

Fredrika Van Vleck Cox

Janice Dinkins Ferguson

Steven Wang

CK Leung

Lurette Bourne

Sandra Geary

Lisa Strawbridge

Bill Fleming

Nancy Hoop

Sue Fisher Seeger

John Ferguson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual stewardship campaign is underway! Pledge packets with information and a pledge card are available throughout the church. Pledge cards can be placed in the collection plate, dropped off in the office or mailed to the church. Ingathering Sunday is November 16. On the last inside page of this bulletin, there is information describing the ways our annual budget is funded and how those funds are used. Please take a moment to review and feel free to reach out to Greg, our Wardens Simon Ringrose and Matt Hast or our treasurer Louise Ambler Osborn if you have questions.

Our Annual Harvest Fair will be held Saturday, November 15 from 10am–2pm. Our ever-popular Turkey Dinner will be served from 12pm–2pm with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

Here are a few ways you can help out this week:

1. Donating a Silent Auction item
2. Donating used books for the book table (*you can drop off on a Sunday or during church office hours, which are Tues/Thurs 9am-3pm*)
3. Taking flyers to post around the neighborhood

You can also help out in the days leading up to the Fair:

- **Thursday evening 11/13:** Pie Prep with Paul Newell
- **Friday 11/14 at 5:30pm:** Fair Set Up
- **Saturday 11/15:** help serving tables (especially kids!) and help cleaning up

Thank you for all the ways you've supported the Fair this year so far.

SNAP Benefits will not be issued in November due to the government shutdown. This means that pressure on local food pantries will increase greatly during what is already their highest-demand season leading up to Thanksgiving. If you are in a position to help, please consider making a donation to Harvest on Vine, our local food pantry. If you are worried about your own finances due to the loss of SNAP this month, please talk to Greg and he can help connect you with other resources.

Parishioner Bridget Nyhan's friends in the community have organized a GoFundMe page to help cover the cost of groceries, transportation, and other needs for her family during her ongoing treatment for Guillain-Barré Syndrome. If you are able to assist, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/can-you-help-b-and-her-family> to contribute.

Church Budget Fast Facts

*As you consider your pledge for 2026,
the Vestry would like to share an overview of our overall budget.*

St. John's has an annual budgeted income of **\$226,205**:

- 55% from pledge donations
- 13% from other giving
- 15% from building rentals*
- 13% from investment income
- 4% from fundraisers and other sources

We receive no financial support from the Episcopal Church or from the Diocese of Massachusetts.

** We are actively looking for new rentals to increase this. Referrals are helpful, so if you know a music class, kids' activity, or other community group looking for space, please speak with the Rector or a Vestry member.*

St. John's has annual budgeted expenses of **\$260,000**:

- 39% in salary and benefits for the Rector, who is employed at 60% of full time
- 29% in salary and benefits for our part-time lay staff
- 14% for utilities and building expenses
- 8% to our Diocesan Assessment, which supports the ministry of the wider church
- 10% all other costs (office expenses, music program, outreach, fellowship)

This means we have a structural deficit of **\$33,000**, even with a part-time priest.

Gathering pledges during the fall stewardship campaign every year allows us to put together an accurate budget for the coming year. Thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry of the church.

FOR YOUR FALL CALENDAR

Saturday, November 15
HARVEST FAIR!
10am – 2pm

Sunday, November 16
Stewardship Ingathering

Saturday, December 13
Lessons and Carols
5pm

Sunday, December 21
Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service

Wednesday, December 24
Holy Eucharist for Christmas Eve
4pm

Thursday, December 25
Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day
10am



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Ms. Priscilla Burns, Parish Administrator

Mr. Brian O'Neill, Sexton

Mr. Matt Hast and Mr. Simon Ringrose, Wardens