



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

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Benedictus *I will give you rest*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand to sing the

Opening Hymn #398 *I sing the almighty power of God*

FOREST GREEN

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.

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

Tone VII.3



- 1 *Höw dëar* to me is your dwélling, O LÓRD of hosts! *
†Mÿ söl has a desire and longing for the cóurts of thé LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejóice in the líving God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where shé may láy her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my Kíng and mý God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwéll in yóur house! *
they will álways be práising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose stréngth is ín you! *
whose hearts are sét on the pílgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will fínd
it a pláce of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with póols of wáter.
- 6 They will clímb from héight to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himsélf in Zíon.

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

SONG 13

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verses 3 and 4 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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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 Nicene Creed

**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.**

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.

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 #428 O all ye works of God

IRISH



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 Tithe.ly.

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

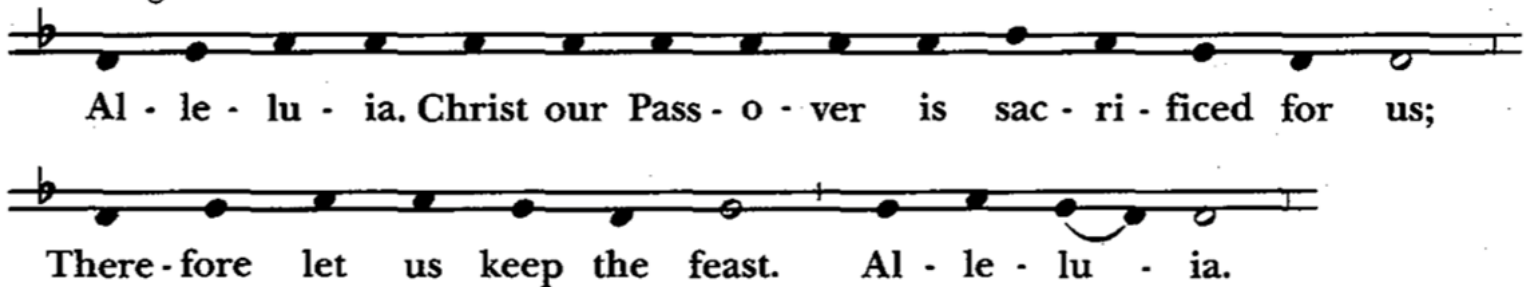
Presider All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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 Anthem *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

J.L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

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 #521 *Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might*

CHELSEA SQUARE

The Dismissal

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

Postlude *Voluntary in C*

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Robin Moody

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Brendan Ryback, Vestry Person of the Day

Pell Osborn and Louise Ambler Osborn, Readers

Louis Tompros, Intercessor

Jane Struss, Chalice

Jen DiManno and Robin Moody Ushers

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Jen DiManno, August Kaminski and Duncan Holbrook-Smith, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual stewardship campaign has begun. Pledge packets with information and a pledge card are available throughout the church. Completed cards can be placed in the collection plate, left in the office or mailed to the church. Our formal ingathering will be Sunday, November 16.

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.

**Saturday night ... before you turn out the lights –
turn your clocks back one hour ... and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!!**

This Sunday, November 2, we will observe All Saints Day, remembering those who have died in the past year. If you have a friend or loved one who has died in the 12 months, send the name to Priscilla in the office or to Greg. Please include the full name, your relationship to that person and the date of death.

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 make this year's Fair a success:

- 1. Cook a Turkey**
- 2. Reach out to sponsors for the Turkey Dinner**
- 3. Donate a silent auction item**
- 4. Help spread the word**

If you can help, please write to Simon Ringrose at snringrose@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR FALL CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2

Daylight savings time ends

2am

All Saints Day observed

10am

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Nancy Savage, Godly Play Teacher

Ms. Priscilla Burns, Parish Administrator

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Mr. Matt Hast and Mr. Simon Ringrose, Wardens