



St. John's Episcopal Church

Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Canzona in d*

Johann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

NETTLETON

Opening Acclamation

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

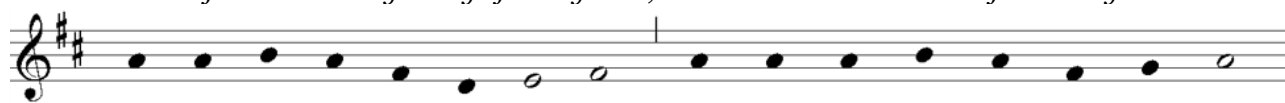
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 *Hymnal S-277*

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



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



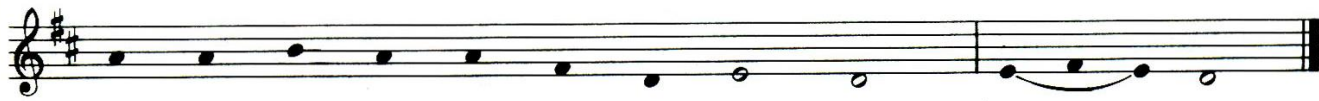
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

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

insert

Psalm 78 Part 1 *Attendite, popule*

Tone I.2



- 1 *Hear mÿ teaching, Ó my péople; **
incline your ears to the / words of mÿ möuth.
- 2 I will open my móuth in a párale; *
I will declare the myster/ies of áncient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our fórefathers háve told us, *
we will not / hide from theír childrën.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the pówer óf the LORD, *
and the wonderful / works he háas döne.

- 12 He worked marvels in the síght of their fórefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the / field of Zöañ.
- 13 He split open the sea and lét them páss through; *
he made the waters / stand up líke wälls.
- 14 He led them wíth a clóud by day, *
and all the night through / with a glóww of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks ín the wílderness *
and gave them drink as / from the gréat dëep.
- 16 He brought streams óut of thé cliff, *
and the waters gushed / out like rívérs.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

translated from Greek by Paul Tompros

Then if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation in love, if there is any alliance in the spirit, if there is any affection or sympathy, fill up my joy by thinking the same thing, having the same love, being like-minded, and believing as one. Think according not to one ambition or conceit, but let each man humbly believe that others surpass him, and let each man not look out for his own interests, but the interests of others. Think the same thought for yourselves which Christ Jesus did.

Christ, being in the form of God, did not think that being equal to God was something to be taken, but he lowered himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the measure of death — death on the cross. Therefore God raised him up and gave him the name which is above every name, so that to this name “Jesus” every knee in heaven, on the ground, and under the ground would be bent, and so that every tongue would profess that Jesus Christ is lord, to the glory of God the father.

Therefore, my friends, as you have always obeyed, obey not only in my presence but even more now in my absence. With fear and trembling, bring about your own salvation. For God is the one producing in you the will and the work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #348 *Lord, we have come at your own invitation* O QUANTA QUALIA

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

Verse 4 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

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.**

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Julia; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Tony, Lyn, Megan, Lin, David, Gloria and Roger, Jack, Ned, Katherine, Edward, Lisa, Beth, and for those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Presider 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



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.

Offertory Hymn #339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

SCHMUCKE DICH, O LIEBE STEELE

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 gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus S-127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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

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.

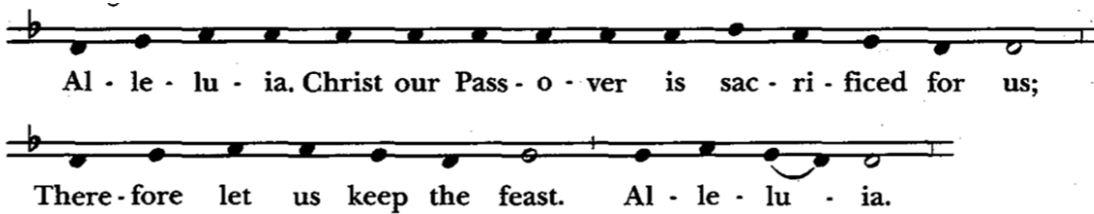
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.



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.

Communion Anthem *Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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 #601 *O day of God, draw nigh*

ST. MICHAEL

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Machs mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Güt*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers on the altar were arranged by Nancy Armstrong

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist

Caroline DeLuca, Vestry Person of the Day

Shannon Fry and Alice Krapf, Readers

Joanne Graziano, Intercessor

Sarge Locke, Chalice Bearer

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Robin Moody and Joanne Graziano, Ushers

Jake Sterline, Nancy Savage and St. John's children, Refreshment Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Recruit Harvest Fair Sponsors: Planning has begun for this year's Harvest Fair. Every year, we reach out to local businesses and organizations to sponsor the Fair so that we can offer a "pay what you can" Turkey Dinner to our neighbors in the community. We have a list of organizations we'd like to reach out to; if you have connections to any of them, please consider volunteering to contact them.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 7: Harvest Fair, 10am - 2pm

Saturday, December 12: Lessons and Carols, 5pm

Sunday, December 20: Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve (4pm service)

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