



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Passacaglia in d*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #569 *God the Omnipotent!*

RUSSIA

Opening Acclamation

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

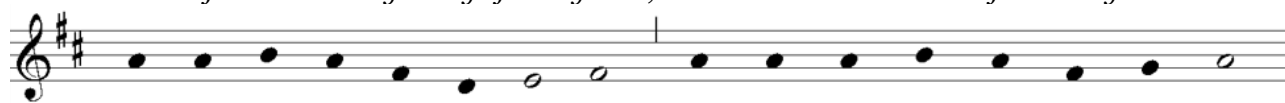
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

insert

The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

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

insert

Psalm 106 Part 2

Et fecerunt vitulum

Tone IV.2



19 *Isräel* made a bull-/calf at Hóreb *
and worshiped / a molten ímage;

20 And so they ex/changed their Glóry *
for the image of an / ox that feeds ón grass.

21 They forgot / God their Sávier, *
who had done / great things in Égypt,

22 Wonderful deeds / in the lánd of Ham, *
and fearful / things at the Réd Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood be/fore him in the breach, *
to turn away his / wrath from consuming them.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #316 *This is the hour of banquet and of song* CANTICUM REFECTIONIS

Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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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, 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 #321 *My God, thy table now is spread*

ROCKINGHAM

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.

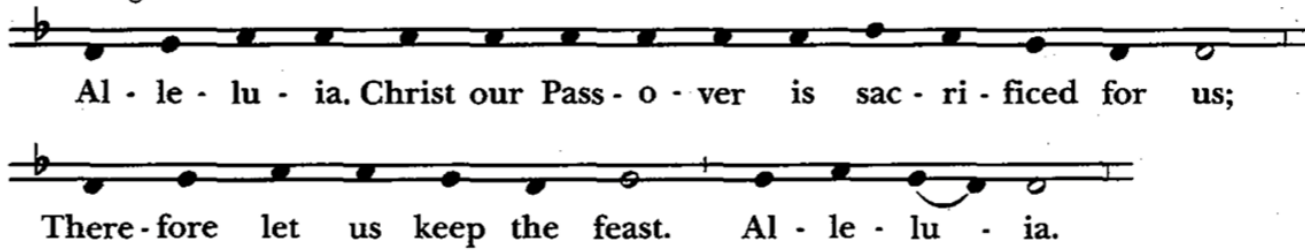
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 *Love divine, all loves excelling* (Blaenwern)

Wm. Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

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 #684 *O for a closer walk with God*

CAITHNESS

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Voluntary in D*

William Croft (1678-1727)

The flowers on the altar were arranged by Alice Krapf

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider
Douglas Witte, Organist
Laura Carroll, Vestry Person of the Day
Laura Carroll and Simon Ringrose, Readers
Alice Krapf, Intercessor
Sarge Locke, Chalice Bearer
Jen DiManno, Altar Guild
Jen DiManno and Robin Moody, Ushers
Barbara Bush and Jen DiManno, Refreshment Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Thanks to Stewardship chairs Louis Tompros and Shannon Fry for leading this process, and thanks to members of the congregation who will be sharing reflections in the weeks ahead. If you received nothing in the mail this week, please take an envelope containing a letter from Greg along with a pledge card -- available at the back of the church and at coffee hour.

Once again we give thanks and kudos to Vestry member Julianne Gearhart for playing a huge role in moving our kitchen upgrade project forward. There are more changes to come ... but progress is being made – thanks in large part to Julianne.

Joy to the World! Join us Tuesday, October 20 at 5:45pm for supper (Alice Krapf's homemade pizza!!) and carol singing to learn the harmony parts to a few familiar carols that we will be singing during the Advent/Christmas seasons.



Get Ready for the Harvest Fair: Saturday, November 7 from 11am-2pm. Planning is underway, and there are many ways you can volunteer to help: from posting flyers around the neighborhood to peeling apples for pies to waiting tables for the dinner. Talk to Jen DiManno or Simon Ringrose, or scan the QR code on the left, to sign up to help out with the Fair.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 20, 5:45pm: Supper and Carol Singing

Saturday, November 7: Harvest Fair, 11am - 2pm

Saturday, December 12: Lessons and Carols, 5pm

Sunday, December 20: Christmas Pageant

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

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