



St. John's Episcopal Church

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Alla Breve in D*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #523 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Opening Acclamation

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

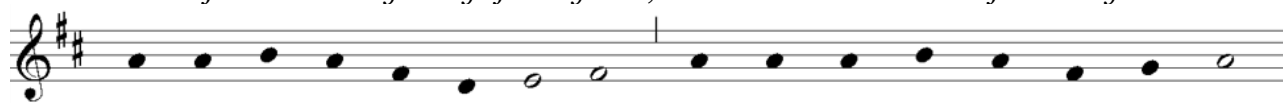
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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,



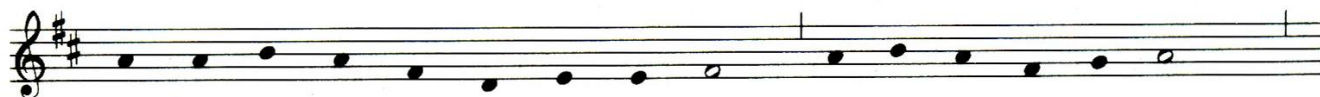
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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

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<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

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<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105 Part 1 *Confitemini Domino* *Tone VII.7*



- 1 Give *thà*nks to the LÓRD and cáll upón his Name; *
make known his deeds amóng the péoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing práises tó him, *
and speak of all his márvelóus works.
- 3 Glory ín his hóly Name; *
let the hearts of those who séek the LÓRD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LÓRD and his strength; *
contínually séek his face.

5 Remember the márvels hé has done, *
his wonders and the júdgments óf his mouth,

6 O offspring of Ábraham his servant, *
O children of Jácob his chósen.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

translated from Greek by Paul Tompros

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is a boon. But to live in flesh, that will bring fruit from the labor for me. I do not know which I will choose. I am conflicted between the two. I have a desire to die and be with Christ, for that is much better. But to remain in flesh is more necessary because of you. And trusting in this, I know that I will live on, and I will stay with all of you for the sake of your progress and happiness in the faith, so that your pride in Christ Jesus may abound through my being there with you.

Live only in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that I, with you or away from you, may hear that you stand firm in one spirit, fighting for the faith of the gospel as one soul. Do not be scared at all by your enemies, for the gospel is a sign of ruin to them and a sign of salvation for you, and it is from God. Indeed it was given to you not only to trust in Christ, but to also suffer for his sake, having the same struggle which you see and now hear in me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #312 *Strengthen for service, Lord*

MALABAR

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

Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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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, Andrew, 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 #309 *O food to pilgrims given*

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

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.**

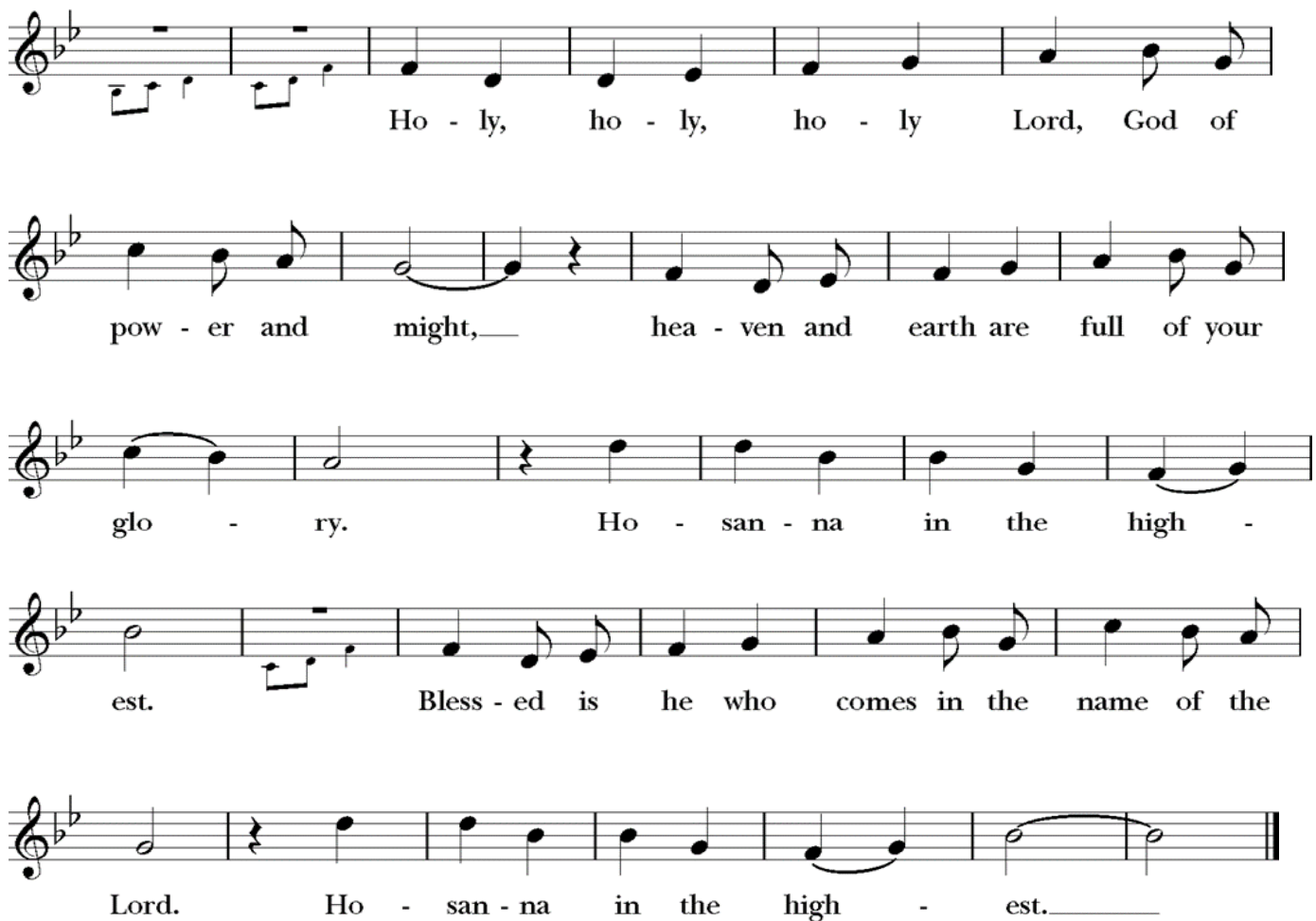
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

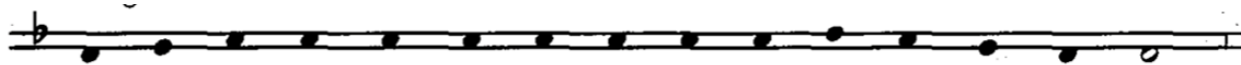
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

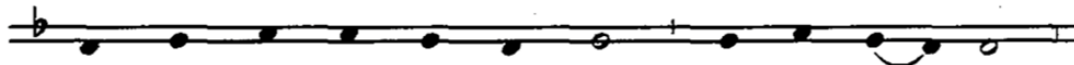
and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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



Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 *Be still my soul*

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

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 #655 *O Jesus, I have promised*

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The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan* Paul Blumenthal (1843-1930)

The flowers on the altar were arranged by Joanne Graziano

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist

Paul Newell, Vestry Person of the Day

Louis Tompros and Maggie Tompros, Readers

Paul Tompros, Intercessor

Catherine Womack, Chalice Bearer

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Jane Struss and Paul Newell, Ushers

Duncan and August Holbrook-Smith, Kitty Farnum
and Simon Ringrose, Refreshment Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're looking for a way to serve this fall, we are especially looking for **chalicers** to serve the wine during communion, and for people to write **baptism cards** to carry on Maureen Lavelly's ministry celebrating the baptismal anniversaries of our children.

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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