



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

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Exsultet Coelum*

Jehan Titelouze (1562-1633)

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand to sing the

Opening Hymn #625 *Ye holy angels bright*

DARWALL'S 148TH

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: Job 19-23-27a

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Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17 *Exaudi, Domine*

Tone VIII.1



- 1 *Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;*
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not / come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be / fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no im/purity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the / words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet / shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to / me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise / up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the / shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies / who surround me.

The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

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Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #526 *Let saints on earth in concert sing*

DUNDEE

Verses 1, 2 and 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Verses 4 and 5 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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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 Rev. Dr. Cathy George

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, 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

Vestry

Offertory Hymn #414 God, my King, thy might confessing

STUTTGART



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](https://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.

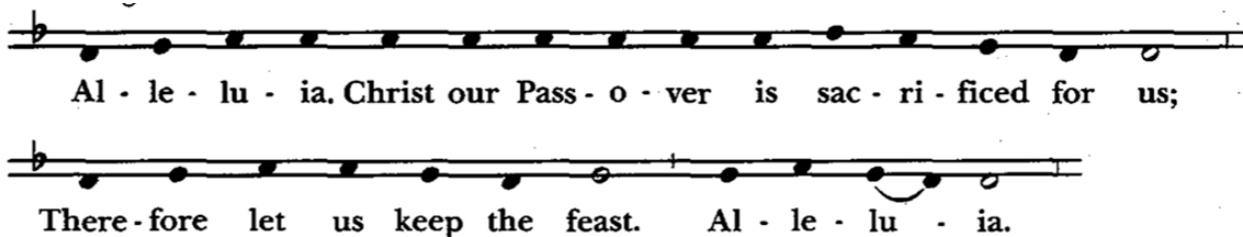
All **AMEN.**

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 *O strength and stay* Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559)

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 #404 *We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord*

OLD 124TH

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 F*

James Nares (1715-1783)

The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Joanne Graziano

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Dr. Cathy George, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Julianne Gearhart, Vestry Person of the Day

Duncan Holbrook-Smith and August Kaminski, Readers

Alice Krapf, Intercessor

Kate Gunsch, Chalice

Jane Struss and Elizabeth Hay, Ushers

Paul Newell and Jake Sterling, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Cathy George who is filling in for Greg as he attends a family wedding in New York. Cathy served as a parish priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts for many years, including at St. Anne's-in-the-Fields in Lincoln and at St. Mary's in Dorchester, before becoming Associate Dean of Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, CT. Greg was her research assistant during his time in seminary at Berkeley, and has been a mentor and friend ever since. Welcome, Cathy!

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.

SNAP Benefits have not yet been issue for 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 cash donation to Harvest on Vine, our local food pantry, or bring canned goods or other non-perishables to the basket at the back of the church. Patricia Noonan will get those donations to Harves on Vine. 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.

You are invited to begin Advent with a community event intended to set aside a couple of hours to be together for fellowship and conversation. On **Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30pm**, join us at the church for an “Entering Advent” potluck. Bring a dish, an appetizer, drinks, or a dessert to share. We’ll have some conversation prompts on Advent themes, and a prayer or two, but it will mostly be a chance to be together.

HARVEST FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK!

Our Annual Harvest Fair is this coming 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.

Please choose a way to help out this week:

1. Donate a Silent Auction item
2. Donate used books for the book table (*drop off during church office hours: Tues/Thurs 9am-3pm*)
3. Take flyers to post around the neighborhood
4. Bake for the Bake Table

For the bake table, please wrap your treats as they will be sold – either as a single item (cakes, breads, etc), or in allotments (cookies, brownies, etc) – use the sign-up sheet at coffee hour or let Shannon Fry know your baking plans...or simply arrive on Saturday morning with goodies to sell!

AND/OR help out in the parish house:

- **Thursday evening 11/13 from 6pm:** 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

Thanks to our generous donors who have already contributed and thanks to those who help out this week during our final countdown!

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

Thursday evening, November 13

Pie Prep with Paul Newell beginning at 6pm

ALL ARE WELCOME – many hands make light -and FUN- work!

Friday, November 14

Fair Set Up

5:30pm – until

Saturday, November 15

HARVEST FAIR!

10am – 2pm

Sunday, November 16

Stewardship Ingathering

Tuesday, December 2

Entering Advent Potluck

6:30pm

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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Mr. Matt Hast and Mr. Simon Ringrose, Wardens