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

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* ST. PETERSBURG

Opening Acclamation

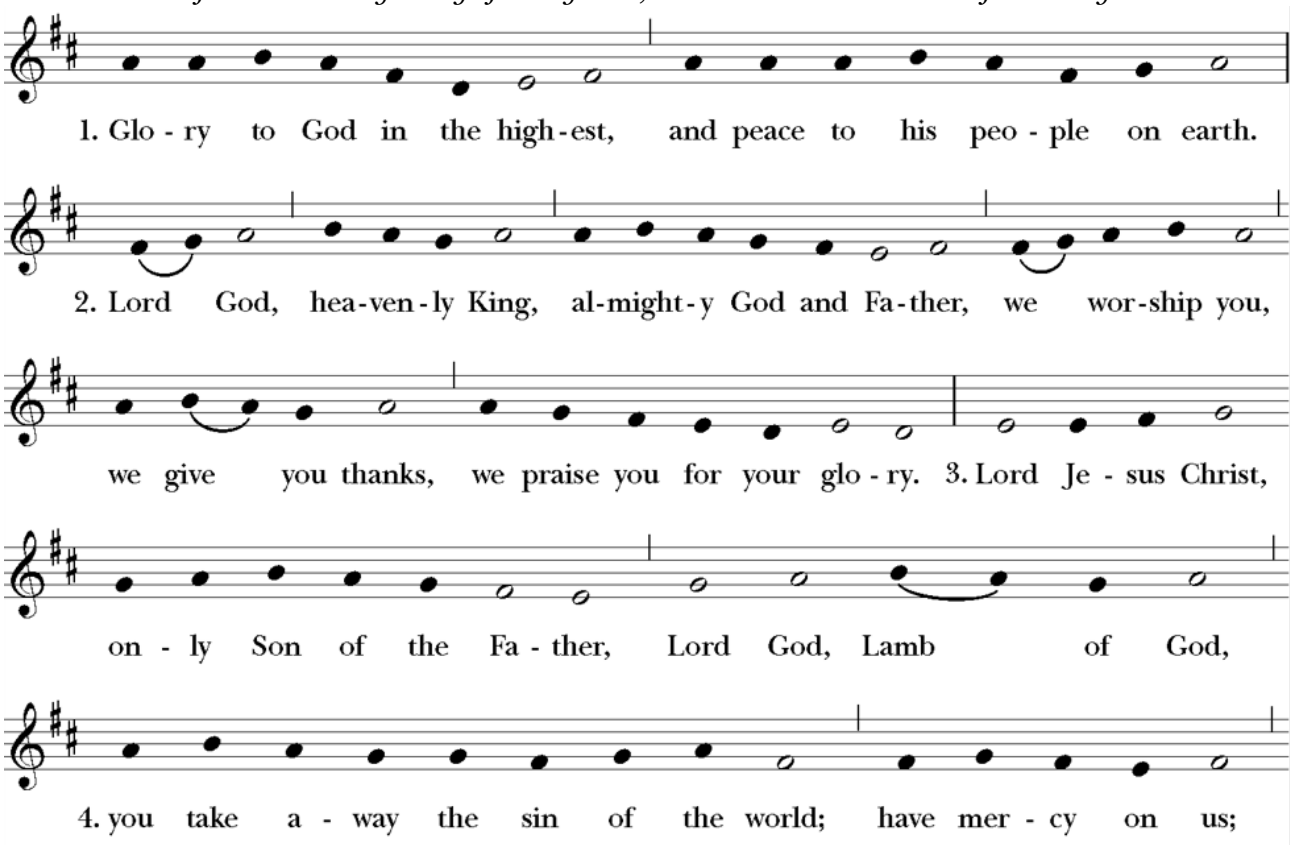
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

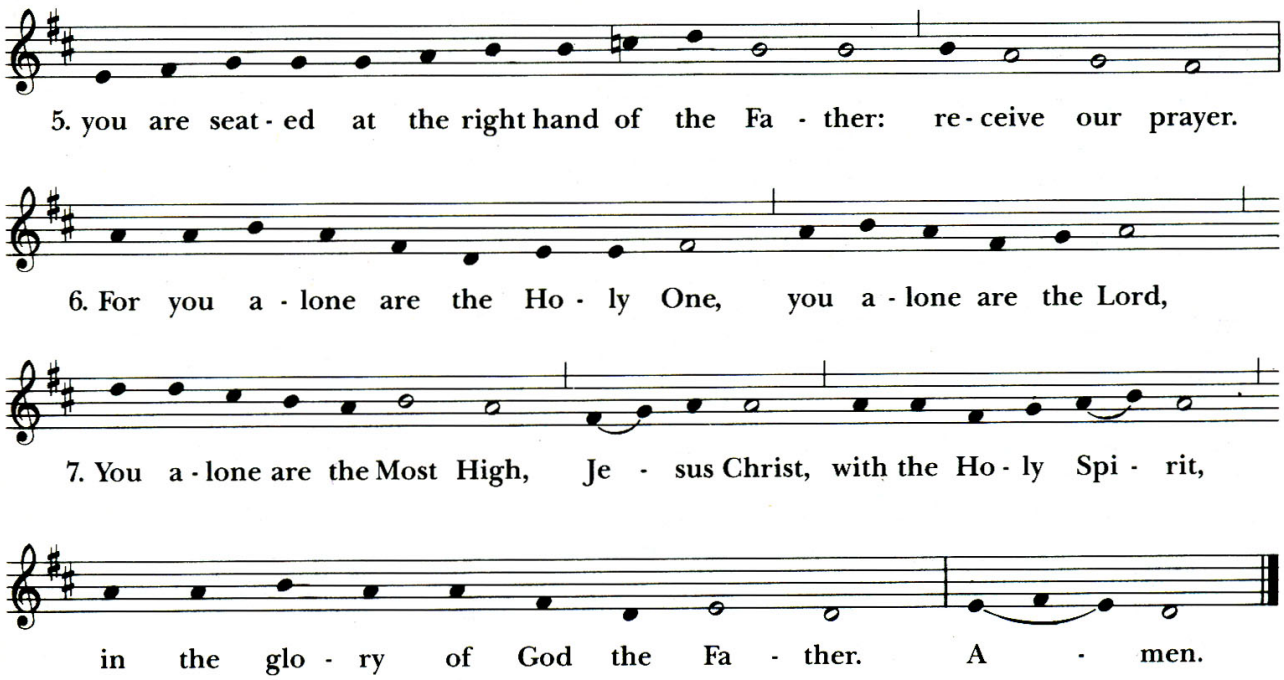
Collect for Purity

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





The Collect of the Day *insert*

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

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7 *insert*

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

Psalm 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos* *Tone VI*



1 ***To yöu*** **I / lift úp my eyes, ***
to you enthroned / in thë héavens.

2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of / their másters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand / of hër mistress,

3 **So our eyes look to / the LÓRD our God, ***
until he show / us hïs mércy.

4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, / have mércy, ***
for we have had more than e/nough öf cóntempt.

5 **Too much of the scorn of the in/dolént rich, ***
and of the de/risiön óf the proud. *[Ant.]*

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *insert*

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 25:14-30 *insert*

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 Rev. Bob Davidson

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 Rick Burns, and for all 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, Priscilla, 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 — Vestry

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 #598 *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

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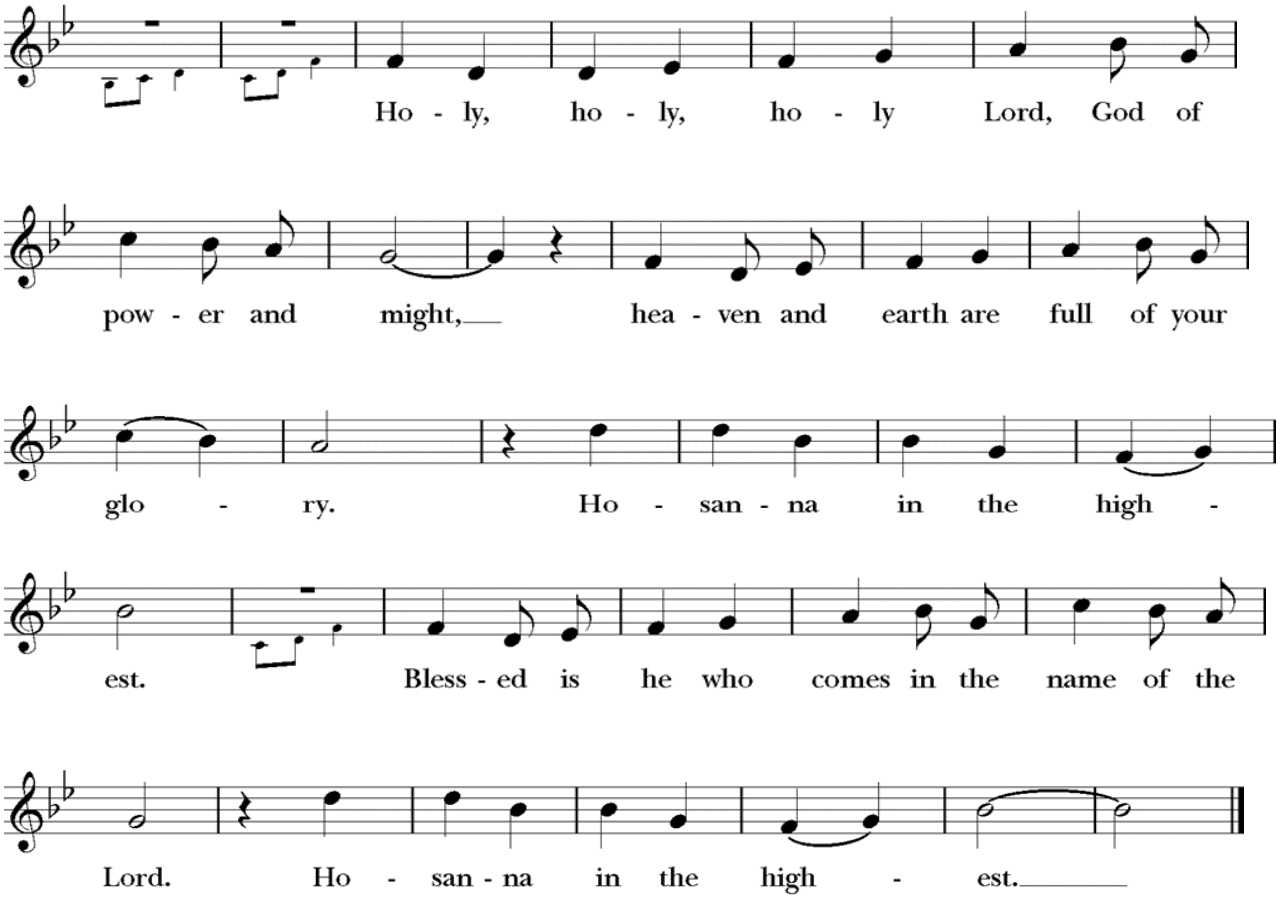
THE HOLY COMMUNION

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



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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine.

Communion Anthem *O God, Creator of mankind* German folk song,
arr. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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* NYLAND

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The flowers on the altar were arranged by Joanne Graziano

Ministers Serving Today:
The Rev. Bob Davidson, Presider
Douglas Witte, Organist
Louise Ambler Osborn, Vestry Person of the Day
Nancy Armstrong and Caroline Bresler, Readers
Joanne Graziano, Intercessor
Jane Struss, Chalice Bearer
Jen DiManno, Altar Guild
Matt Hast and Elizabeth Hay, Ushers
Kitty Farnum and Jake Sterling, Refreshment Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Saint John's! We hope that you can join us for **Coffee Hour** after the service in the Parish House—just through the door in the corner of the Sanctuary and down the ramp.

Many thanks to the Rev. Bob Davidson for leading us in worship today, while the Rector celebrates his step-sister's wedding in New York.

Our fall **Stewardship Campaign** concluded with our Ingathering last Sunday. So far we have received five new pledges for 2027, as well as many continuing and increased pledges. If you plan to submit a pledge for 2027 but haven't done so yet, you can leave a pledge card in the plate today, or return it to the Parish Office, or you can fill out the online pledge form using the QR code printed on the card or the link in New & Notes.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 1: Pizza and Carol Singing, 5:45pm
Saturday, December 12: Lessons and Carols, 5pm
Sunday, December 20: Christmas Pageant
Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve (4pm service)