

St. John's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th, 2026 10:15 AM, Year A



***As people of grace, we aspire to love like Jesus, and
welcome all to join us in loving God and serving others.***

GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register in the Narthex.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices before the start of the service. Thank you. ****

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Preacher The Rev. Andy Bowers
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The Word of God

Prelude

Procession

All my hope on God is founded

The Hymnal #665

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria

The Hymnal S280

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people **tremble**; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth **shake**.
- 2 The LORD is great in **Zion**; *
he is high above all **peoples**.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and **awesome**; *

he is the **Holy One**.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established **equity**; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in **Jacob**."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his **footstool**; *
he is the **Holy One**.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his **Name**, *
they called upon the LORD, and he **answered them**.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of **cloud**; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he **gave them**.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them **indeed**; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil **deeds**.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy **hill**; *
for the LORD our God is the **Holy One**.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

The Sequence Hymn *Judge eternal, throned in splendor*

The Hymnal #596

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Andy Bowers

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

Form IV

BCP 388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in
your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

We Confess our Sins and Exchange the Peace

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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**

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.**

Please stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

The St John's Choir

*If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever —
e'en the Spirit of Truth.*

*And ye know him,
for he dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.*

Doxology

The Hymnal #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Sanctus

The Hymnal #S129

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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament

of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal S163

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

This is the hour of banquet and of song

The Hymnal #317

Let us pray. (*Celebrant and People*)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Recessional

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

The Hymnal #544

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requests

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Emma A.	Jessica Grissom	Nema Maney	Marilyn Rogez
Audrey	Bill Harris	Melisa Maney Neal	Roxann
Andrew Barr	Shawna Hartley	Maria	Ruthanna
Henry Blackburn	Martha Holland	Tony Marruchella	Sahar
Bob	Kimberly Hopper	Dru McCarrell	Madison Sawyer
Meg Bowles	Charles Hornbeck	Brian Meyer	Seth
Sarah Brewer	Dr. J	Kathy Montella	David Shamblin
David C.	Jack	Jeff Morgan	Richard Shepherd
Chance	James	Christina Morris	Sarah Jo and Steve
Steve Chrisman	Jessica	Paul Mosier	Skinner
Rita Crockett	Kaiden	Ken Myrick	John Steward and
Billie Culver	Karl	Daniel Nash	Lee DeWitt
Dee	Kate	Jamie Nash	Martha Steward
Dan	Whitney Kolb	Matt Nash	Nancy Steward
Dana	Sarah Kramer	Pam	Rodney Stringer
Pam Earnest	Chip Lano	Patrice	Susan
Gwynne Elledge	Martina Lara	Chandra Patrick	Taylor
Greta Erickson	Gary Lee	Babette Patton	David Thomason
Nik Erickson	Karen Lehr	Patty	Tiana
Lee Flanagan	Denys Lenets	Kim Pelkey	Cherie Tompkins
Danny Galdamez	Cindy Leyva	Penny	Danetta Tull
Jackson Galdamez	Kelly Linton	Peter	Jill Walsh
Karen Garcia	Wendi Lindley	Priscilla Pierce	Gary Watson
Steven Garcia	Andrea Lopez	Kathleen Rhodes	Kaden Watson
Myrna Gowman	Matt Lucas	Rob, Ruthie and	Will
Hauli Sue Gray	Kara Lynn	Samuel	Sarah and Adam
John Greiner	Paul Maeder	Carl Rod	Yoder

Altar Gifts

The flowers and candle this week are given
in loving memory of *Jim Grissom*
to the glory of God, by Julie and J. Michael Grissom

Birthdays

19th - HannahLu Watson
21st - Dana Chai

This week at a glance:

Tonight, 5p –	Taize Rehearsal (1 week early)
Monday, October 19, 5:30p –	Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
Tuesday, October 20, 10:30a –	Centering Prayer
Wednesday, October 21, 5:30p –	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, October 21, 6:09p –	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 21, 7:00p –	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 23, 5:30p –	Feast of St. James of Jerusalem
Saturday, October 24, 10a-2p –	Community Garden Party

Please see back cover for our large number of announcements

Announcements

Please welcome Sy! At long last, we have a nursery attendant. Sy works for a school and has kids of her own. She is excited to join us to care for the little ones of the congregation.

Please note: We do still need two people in the nursery to meet safe church requirements, please see Nancy or Michelle to get Safe church verified and then see the sign-up sheet on the nursery door.

Community Garden Party is on Saturday. 10a-2pm There will be food trucks, bouncy houses, games, and joyous celebration as we share this endeavor with our neighborhood.

All Saint's Evensong and Reception will be on Wednesday October 28th, at 7pm. Come meet the voices that float through the sky above you each Sunday at the reception. There is a signup in the narthex for treats, cheese and crackers, or wine. Please come mingle.

Taize Evensong will be on November 1st. Please join us for this meditative and ecumenical service of songs and readings led by Mary and the Taize choir.

All Saint's Day is nearing. We will be reading the names of our dearly departed and we wish for your loved ones to be included. The forms are located in the narthex. Please turn those into the offering plate, bring them by the office, or send a list to the new admin email.

Turkey Donations Please? Santa Maria de Virgen is doing their annual turkey collection. Please bring frozen turkeys to the church on the morning of November 15th. No earlier.

The Bells are Ringing. They could ring even more with a few extra hands. If you can read a modicum of sheet music and would like to see about contributing, please talk to Rosemary.

Singers Wanted, Walk-ins welcome. The choir would graciously welcome new members. The choir welcomes all interested parties to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday.

Volunteer Treasurer still greatly desired. Please talk to Father Nate or contact Glen F for more information about the treasurer's position.

Episcopal Relief & Development's *Hurricane Response Fund* provides critical relief and long-term recovery support to those impacted by storms like Hurricane Isaias. No matter what storms may lie ahead this season, with your support, we're equipping our local partners, helping to build networks to provide critical emergency relief like shelter and counseling services, and making long-term investments to support people as they recover. If you would be interested in contributing to this important outreach, please contact engagement@episcopalrelief.org.