



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025, 10:30 A.M.
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE	<i>Blessed Jesus, We Are Here</i>	J.S. Bach
	<i>Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness</i>	J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)	<i>All stand.</i>
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Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS*All sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:27-34

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

⁹⁸Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

¹⁰⁰I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste! *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

¹⁰⁴Through your commandments I gain understanding, *

therefore I hate every lying way.

THE EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14–4:5

A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Remain standing.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

All sit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel as able.

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, and for those who serve in our local hospitals, care facilities, schools, colleges, and correctional facilities; for those who serve in law enforcement and in the legal system; and for members of the military and those serving overseas, especially Ben and Eric.
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for our President Donald, our Governor Kay, and our Mayor Steven; for members of our state legislature, and our national representatives and senators, that there may be respectful and wise governance for the welfare of our nation and of the world; and for victims of violence and conflict, especially in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation, and an awareness and sense of gratitude for the beauty of the world around us;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda and Brian our Bishops, Duncan and Mark our priests, Mawande our deacon; for Stewart our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those for whom the altar flowers have been given:

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

All stand to sing the offertory verse when the offertory is brought up to the altar.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A, (BCP p. 361)

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

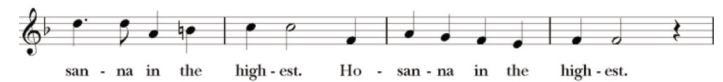
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



All kneel as able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
forever 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.**

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The priest receives the Sacrament, and then serves the people with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or station on the floor.

Communicants may receive the wine by intinction or by drinking directly from the cup.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

All kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

Go now and continue in what you have learned and believed.

Pray always, and do not lose heart.

Proclaim God's message;

endure hostility;

carry out your ministry fully.

And may God be quick to answer your prayers;

May Christ Jesus inspire faith within you;

And may the Holy Spirit tutor your hearts and

equip you for every good work. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 473 *Lift high the cross* *All stand.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Craig Phillips

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TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*

The Reverend Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministries: J.R. Marshall

Acolytes: Chloe Cumuze, Costa Cumuze, Burton Holmes, Anna Lynn White

Altar Guild: Chuck Moore, Debbie Schremser

Lector and Intercessor: Ken Kline, Ashley Roseboro

Eucharistic Ministers: Callie Dietz, J.R. Marshall

Ushers/Greeters: Liam McMulan, Ashley Roseboro, Cole Wise

Flower Guild: Jean Smyth, Karen Westhauser

Flower Delivery Team: Melissa Carter, Doris Ball, Linda Hutchinson

Videographer: Jim Cannon

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; Grace Kim, *violin*; David Simpson, *basoon*;
Robby Gibson, *guitar*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Frederick Wooten Wilkerson, Jr.,
Frederick Wooten Wilkerson, Sr., Kathleen McCord Wilkerson, Bernard de Sieyes
de Veynes, Alice Stearns de Sieyes, Marion de Sieyes Ebersole, Marion Stearns
Vernard, Peter Wilkerson Kimball, Arthur Bowman Durkee, Jr.

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Youth Happening event in November, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump
Johannes, Bill Marks, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie
McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter,
Shirley Price, Hawthorne Ramsey, Caroline Serrato, Debbie Steindorff,
Barbara Wallace

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook,
Mac Burton, Willie "Bill" Carden, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes,
Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Margaret Moore, Karen Pacheco, Pam Slate, Ron
Skoneki, Madera Spenser, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner,
Frank Winkler, Sharon Carney Wright

*Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.
The prayer list will be updated monthly, please notify us if names need to remain longer.*

Pastoral Care Team for October: Murray Bennett, Carrie Shaw, Margaret
Peebles, Caroline Lawson, Doris Ball

Upcoming Concerts

Organ Concert November 16 at 4 p.m. by Dr. Joshua Coble of Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Mobile with a reception to follow. Works by Bach, Widor, George Shearing and Alain.

Then on November 30, Bishop Glenda Curry will host a program at St. John's at 5 p.m. to celebrate Rosa Parks Weekend and to honor the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. The program will feature Dr. Alcee Chriss III as organist performing music by black composers. Everyone is welcome.

Bookstore Seasonal Re-Opening

The St. John's Bookstore is getting a facelift! Our seasonal re-opening is happening now. Come visit and browse for inspirational gifts, books, and more! The St. John's Bookstore is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Sundays before, during, and after worship. Be on the lookout for products online as well.

Youth Happening

St. John's is honored to host Happening November 7-9. We need help hosting participants at parishioners' homes Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as feeding the group throughout the weekend. Thanks to all those who have already signed up to help! Please email JR at jr@stjohnsmontgomery.org if you are able to volunteer in any way for the Happening Weekend.

St. John's Featured in Stained Glass Book

St. John's is honored to be represented in "Alabama Hope," a new book from Birmingham photographer David Graves. The books will be available in the St. John's Bookstore starting next week, and the author will be signing copies for attendees of the ECW Conference Oct. 17.

Fall Speaker Series: AI & the Church

Join us Wednesday nights in October as we examine what effects Artificial Intelligence has on our faith and daily lives. St. John's welcomes Dr. Jim Locke, Executive Director of AI Research and Education at Troy University Montgomery. Dinner at 6, teaching & discussion at 6:30.

Calling All Crafters

The St. John's Arts and Crafts group is looking for handmade, unique items to be sold at this year's Bazaar. Whether you're into painting, woodworking, sewing, needlepoint, or ceramics, we'd love for you to share your talents with us. Contact Murray Bennett at 334-430-8660 for more details.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The Bazaar will be here before you know it and Silent Auction needs your help. Please consider donating items that will encourage competitive bidding. Paintings, signed prints, decorative arts, home accessories and jewelry are just a few examples of items that sell well (no furniture, please). Donations can be brought to the church educational building. Please mark the items as "Silent Auction." Contact Jean Smyth, je@smyth3.com with any questions.

Rector's Forum: "Scrolling Ourselves to Death"

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. How is constant connectivity shaping our souls? Join us for the Rector's Forum exploring the impact of technology, social media, and digital distraction on our spiritual lives.

Trunk or Treat and Movie Night

Join us for Trunk or Treat & Movie Night at St. John's on Sunday, October 26. Trunk or Treat begins at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot—kids can collect candy, show off costumes, and snap photos. Volunteers are needed to set up trunks. At 6 p.m., settle in for favorites on the big screen: Toy Story of Terror, It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, and The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad. Bring chairs or blankets, invite friends and neighbors, and enjoy a festive evening of fall fun, treats, and community. All ages are welcome—no cost, just come and celebrate!

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. JOHN'S

Breeze System Gives Access to Directory, Calendar, & Giving

St. John's has recently implemented a new system called Breeze for its giving, directory, calendar, website, and app. Parishioners received an invite via email to create an account. Information guides are printed and available in the church office or on the St. John's website. Please call the church office or email emily@stjohnsmontgomery.org for assistance. Please note: Breeze is recommended for parishioners, but not required. Printed directories are available upon request.

St. John's e-Newsletter

The St. John's e-newsletter goes out every Tuesday at 6 p.m. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please email emily@stjohnsmongomery.org to get added to the mailing list.



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Whether you are visiting for the first time or attending regularly,
you are a part of the St. John's family.

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