



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, 10:30 A.M.
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE

Canzon

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Adagio e dolce (Trio in d minor)

JS Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

All stand.

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: JOEL 2:23-32

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

⁶You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever, amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

Remain standing.

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Celebrant and people say together

**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.**

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 to offer prayers and thanksgiving for everyone.
Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you
but do not be seduced into serving wealth.
Weep for those who suffer
and share faith and truth with all.
And may God welcome you with love;
May Christ Jesus give you knowledge of the truth;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all godliness and dignity. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 287 *For all the saints*

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

Arthur Hutchings

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Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Betty Holloway Harmon, Barrie Holt Harmon, Mary Louise Baker, Sam Rice Baker, Louise P. Harmon, Stephanie Holt Harmon

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Youth Happening event in November, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Josie Lee, Ann Longshore, Bill Marks, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Hawthorne Ramsey, Cindy Seibels, 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 Peeples, 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.

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!

Lord, Have Mercy Prayer Service

We are all shocked by the violence that occurred 500 yards from St John's in early October, and we are grieving the loss of life. Our city is no stranger to violence, of course, and we need to keep the current painful events in historic perspective.

And yet, the words of God through the prophet Jeremiah challenge us to pray for the city of Montgomery – our mission field and our home. Please come to "Lord, Have Mercy," a special service of prayer at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. We'll pray for Montgomery. That's all – both in silence and with written liturgy.

There will be no sermon, no time of sharing, and no political messages disguised as liturgy. God has placed us here with a purpose, and it includes lifting up our city to God's mercy and grace.

Remembrance Sunday

St. John's is continuing its tradition of Remembrance Sunday where hundreds of ceramic poppies from the Alabama Poppy Project will be installed in the Labyrinth Garden for a healing and remembrance event at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9. Attendees of the event are encouraged to wear an emblem of their military service or to bring a picture of family members who served. We are calling for five volunteers to come to the church at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8 to install the poppies and another five volunteers at 2pm. on Monday, Nov. 10 to remove the poppies. Installation and removal each take about one hour. Coffee and baked treats will be provided. Please join us for remembrance and healing.

Online Giving



If you wish to make a gift to St. John's, our online giving portal makes it easier than ever. Your generosity supports our ministries in Montgomery and beyond.

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