



# St. John's Episcopal Church

November 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to Our Guests*

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.  
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.  
Children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)**

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**THE PRELUDE**      *Andante in F*      Felix Mendelssohn  
   *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*      Dietrich Buxtehude

**THE OPENING HYMN** 432 *O Praise ye the Lord*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE SALUTATION**

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*All sit.*

### FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from the book of Daniel.

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 16

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; \*

because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.  
9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
10For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
11You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25**

A Reading from the book of Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

## **SEQUENCE HYMN 571** *All who love and serve your city*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8**

*Priest*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be

accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines.

This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

*Priest*                      The Gospel of our Lord.  
*People*                      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**                The Rev Dr Duncan Johnston

*All sit.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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**

*All kneel as able.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop Glenda, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President Joseph, our Governor Kay, our Mayor Stephen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially ... let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given .and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation ... let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

*All sit.*

*At the end of the offertory voluntary, all stand and sing*

**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 HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All stand.*

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of

everlasting life.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

## SANCTUS

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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,  
**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.**

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

*Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive the consecrated bread.*

*All others are welcome to come to the rail and receive a priestly blessing instead.*

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then serve the people with these words:  
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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.**

## **BLESSING**

Go now, for the Lord has heard your prayers.  
Hold fast to the hope that is within you.  
Continue to meet together, and provoke one another  
to put love into action.  
And may God be your rock of strength;  
May Christ Jesus usher you into the presence of God;  
and may the Holy Spirit write the law of love on your hearts. Amen.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 488** *Be thou my vision*

## **SENDING OUT**

*Priest*                      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Epilogue*

Norman Gilbert

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## TODAY'S SERVERS

**Clergy:** The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

**Director of Children's Formation:** Sarah Collier

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Connie Tapia

**Acolytes:** J.M. Longshore, Nancy Bradford, Thomas Lawlor, W.E. Clark

**Altar Guild:** Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

**Lectors and Intercessors:** Radney Ramsey, Scott Mitchell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virginia Banister, Kat Dailey, William Hanes, Mary Hughes

**Ushers/Greeters:** Margaret Ann Selman, Melissa Carter, Mary Martin Mitchel, Ashley Roseboro

**Flower Guild:** Carroll Nason, Bette Smith

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

**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

**Instrumentalists:** Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *bassoon*

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Jule Seibels Montjoy, Robert Emmet Seibels, Jr., Robert Emmet Seibels, Sr., Fannie Marks Seibels, Caroline Rudolph Sellers, Philip Allen Sellers, Mary Elaine Morrison, William Dayton Morrison, Richard Wilson Montjoy, Louise Montjoy Lathem, William Douglas Morrison

**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:**

Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, John Durr, Dave Funk, Mac Gipson, Seibels Marshall, Carma Marks, Stanley Marks, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cam Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Barbara Wallace, Barbara Wells

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Emma Allshouse, Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Gray Howard, Seeley Lewis, Karen Pacheco, Pam Slate, Ron Skoneki, Madera Spencer, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, 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 November:** Debbie Schremser, Jean Chapman, Christy Anderson, Dorothy Arrington, Theda Ocheltree

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Thanksgiving Concert Today at 4 p.m.**

Rebecca Taylor and Hunter Dailey will play a concert of music for Organ & Trumpet on thanksgiving themes. The music list for the concert may be found on the church's website, [stjohnsmontgomery.org](http://stjohnsmontgomery.org).

### **Bread Making Class Today**

Laura Knapp will lead a bread making class after the 10:30 service today. We will be making bread for the Bazaar.

### **EYC Thanksgiving Potluck Party Today**

Join our Episcopal Youth today from 5:30-7 p.m. for a Thanksgiving Potluck! Bring your favorite dish to the third floor youth area and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

### **Living Well Through Advent**

A group will meet on Sunday events during Advent (location TBD) to discuss the devotional "Practicing Peace with All Your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength." Please contact Carrie Shaw at [gracegra@gmail.com](mailto:gracegra@gmail.com) for more information.

### **New Rector's Forum, "Spiritual Practices for Anxious Times"**

In times of stress, it is helpful to know and use spiritual practices to calm the mind and spirit. Join Duncan as he shares about practices like meditation, labyrinths, fasting, and more. Beginning Nov. 3 at 9:15.

### **Welcome to our visitors!**

We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with some information about you



Visitor Card

## Countdown to the Bazaar!

The Bazaar is getting close! Be sure and mark your calendar to join us Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. –2 p.m. for shopping with luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. We have posters and yard signs in the church office...Please come by and pick some up to help promote the bazaar in your neighborhood or community.



St John's Bazaar

and your family so that we can better serve you.