



St. John's Episcopal Church

November 24, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Seventh 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)

THE PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G

JS Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 494 *Crown him with many Crowns*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

All sit.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A Reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93

Sung by the choir.

¹The LORD is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; *

the LORD has put on his apparel

and girded himself with strength.

²He has made the whole world so sure *

that it cannot be moved;

³Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *

you are from everlasting.

⁴The waters have lifted up, O LORD,

the waters have lifted up their voice; *

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
⁶Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 435 *At the name of Jesus*

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Priest The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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:

SANCTUS

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. _____

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 as faithful witnesses to the one who reigns forever.
Clothe yourselves in righteousness
and make every place a place to worship God.

And may God strengthen you and fulfill your dreams;
May Christ Jesus be the rising sun that lightens your days;
and may the Holy Spirit speak to you and through you with words of
grace and peace.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 397 *Now thank we all our God*

SENDING OUT

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

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

JS Bach

TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministry: Connie Tapia

Acolytes: Robert Wells, Robert Marshall, John David Collier, Samuel Collier

Altar Guild: James Rinehart

Lectors and Intercessors: Nick Prillaman, Mark Chappell

Eucharistic Ministers: Cam Armstrong, Tracey Campbell,
Morgan Chappell, Maria Pacheco

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Mark Chappell, Allison Prillaman,
Debbie Schremser

Flower Guild: Betty Beale, Amy Marshall

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanne Drummond, Debbie & George Wakefield

Videographer: Ken Kline

Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; Jihye Choi, *violin*;
David Simpson, *bassoon*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Julia Parker Oliver,
Thomas Winfrey Oliver, IV, Howard Arrington Parker, Ola David Parker,
Howard Arrington Parker, Jr., Glenn David Anderson,
John Fairley McDonald, Jr., Donald McDonald

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Dick Arrington, Laura Brendle, Rick Durden, John Durr, Dave Funk,
Mac Gipson, Emily Crump Johannes, Seibels Marshall, Carma Marks,
Stanley Marks, Richard McCrory, Frazer McCurdy, 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, Jennifer Worrilow,
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

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. Through Dec. 15 at 9:15 in the Library.

Angel Tree Ministry

Everyone is welcome to adopt a family in need this Christmas season. The Angel Tree information will be set up in the Parish Hall beginning Sunday, November 24. When signing up, please take a family from the tree and list your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet. **All items need to be delivered to Hands On River Region by December 12.** Email sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org with questions.

Las Posadas Tradition

Las Posadas is an old Spanish custom that celebrates Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. The Holy Family (tall plastic figures) will begin their journey on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1. They will spend one night with each family, and need to be transported to the next family each day before dark. They will return to church on Christmas Eve during the Children's 5 p.m. service. Visit stjohnsmontgomery.org/advent-2024 to sign up!

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 for more information.

RSVPs Needed for ECW Christmas Party

The Episcopal Church Women are hosting a Christmas Dinner at the home of Rebecca Miller on Tuesday, December 3, at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend, please rsvp by November 26 to Allison Prillaman at 334.220.3340 or allison.bonds@gmail.com.

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 and your family so that we can better serve you.

Visitor Card

