



# St. John's Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

November 20th, 2022

### Welcome to Our Guests

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today. We pray that you will feel able to worship as much or as little as you are comfortable with. 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.*

**Opening Voluntaries** *Voluntary in a minor* John Stanley  
*Prelude in the 4<sup>th</sup> Lute Suite* Johann Sebastian

Bach

**Opening Hymn 494** *Crown him with many crowns*

**The Word of God**

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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.**

**Gloria** (S280)

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 Liturgy of the Word

*All sit.*

### The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 46

*The Psalm is sung by a soloist.*

1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*

what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **The Epistle: Colossians 1:1-11**

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 382** *King of glory, King of pesce*

*All stand.*

### **The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43**

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching

Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

*All sit.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

*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.

**Prayers of the People (Form III).**      *All kneel as able.*      *p.387*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian, our bishops; and Duncan and Deonna our priests. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joseph our President; Kay, our Governor; and Steven, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for, \_\_\_\_\_. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for, \_\_\_\_\_. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for all who have died, especially for those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, \_\_\_\_\_. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession

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*Minister* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People* **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.**

*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.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people stand to greet one another.*

## The Holy Communion

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

Anthem *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris (Gloria)* Antonio Vivaldi

*Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us..*

*All stand and sing the Doxology 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)

*All stand.*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto 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, that in Christ, you have begun the re-creation of all things, and that through him you strengthen us so that we might not weary in doing what is right. 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:

**The Sanctus (S129)**

*All kneel as they are able*

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:



*Celebrant and People:*

**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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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 hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*All kneel as they are able. p. 366*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Almighty and everliving God,**  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious **Body and Blood**  
of your Son our Savior **Jesus Christ;**  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, **Father,** send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of **Christ our Lord.**  
To him, to you, and to the **Holy Spirit,**  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

Go now, joyfully giving thanks to the one true King.  
Endure everything with patience,  
and teach people of salvation  
through the forgiveness of sins.  
And may God gather you into safety;  
May Christ Jesus strengthen you with glorious power;  
And may the Holy Spirit guide your feet on the way of peace.

**Closing Hymn 486** *Hosannah to the living Lord*

**Dismissal**

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude**

*Fugue in G* Johann Sebastian Bach

## Today's Servers

**Acolytes:** Will Evans Clark, Jeb Clark, Samuel Collier, Susannah Miller, Brett Westhauser

**Lector and Intercessor:** Rich Anderson, Nick Prillaman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Virginia Banister, Kat Dailey, Leale McCall

**Ushers/Greeters:** William Haynes, Ellen Habermacher, Cissy Johnson, Michelle Shaw

**Altar Guild:** Ashley Hamlett

**Flower Guild:** Betsy Cannon, Jane Barganier

**Flower Delivery Team:** Anne Hamner, Melissa Carter

**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

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

**Altar Flowers given in memory of:** Julie 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 Latham, William Douglas Morrison

**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:** Dicky Ball, Jim Bennett, Bill & Lida Bowman, Rod Frazer, Karen Jarrell, Ken Mahan, Christopher Marshall, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Shirley Price, Carrie Shaw, Evelyn Sherbert, Tommy Tyson, Larry Worriow.

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Ramsey Ashmore, Jane Braswell, Jonathon Pace, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, Robert Proctor, Ronnie Shaw, Debbie Steindorff, Chandler Taylor, Kathleen Wilkowske.

*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

**November Ingathering:** For the month of November, we will be collecting items for Friendship Mission. November is homeless awareness month, and the homeless are the primary focus of the Mission. Their biggest needs are paper products for their soup kitchen, specifically sturdy disposable plates and “to-go” boxes. They also need sweatshirts and sweatpants for their men’s shelter. All donations may be left on the round table in the hall outside of Duncan’s office.

**2023 Pledge:** Please remember to fill out your 2023 pledge card. If you do not have one, you may ask a vestry member, or call or email the office. We are 64% of the way there. We have received \$870,140 and have \$496,976 outstanding.

**Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist:** St. John’s will offer a Thanksgiving Eve eucharist at 6pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd.

**Club 56:** Club 56 will meet tonight, November 20 from 5pm-7pm at Looney’s skating rink. Please bring \$7 for skate rental and don’t forget to invite a friend! This group is for 5th—6th graders only. Please RSVP to Sarah Collier ([sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org](mailto:sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org)) if you can attend!

**Advent Reflection Group:** There will be an advent reflection group beginning November 28th that will meet on Sundays at 6:00 at the home of Polly Williamson (1248 Westmoreland Ave.). If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Carrie Shaw ([gracyegray@gmail.com](mailto:gracyegray@gmail.com))

### **Advent Rector’s Forum: We Are Waiting.**

Join us for a three-week study in the great Advent theme of **Waiting**.

December 4th: Why are we Waiting?

December 11th: What are we Waiting for?

December 18th: How shall we Wait?

Weeks 1 and 2 will begin at 9:15, but Week 3 will start at 9am to make room for the Christmas Pageant.

### **St. John’s “Coffee Hour” with Officer Candidates at Maxwell**

**AFB:** Wed. Nov. 30, 5:30pm-7:30pm. St. John’s has been invited by the Officer Training School Chaplain to come to Maxwell AFB and fellowship with 350+ officer candidate trainees. If you would like to participate, you must let Deonna know by Sunday, Nov 27th. We will need to have an accurate list of all those going to the base to get through security. We will take the St. John’s bus and vans to this event to facilitate entry to the base. Please come and provide support and encouragement to these young men and women preparing to become officers in your United States Air and Space Force!