ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., NOV. 15, 2026 • 11:00 A.M. • HISTORIC CHURCH

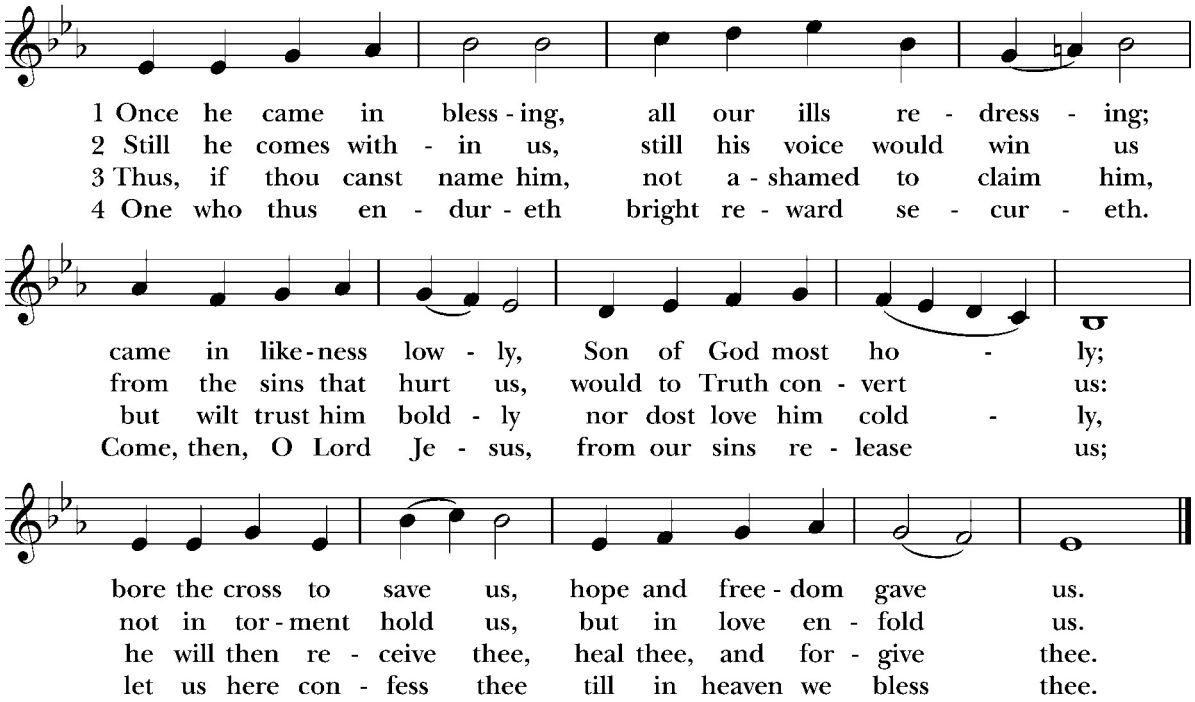
Be known, be loved, and belong at St. John's, where God already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.
Please note that this is our livestream service and you may be visible on camera.

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645* — *Johann Sebastian Bach*

ENTRANCE HYMN *Once He Came in Blessing (H 53)* — *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*



WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God* *Justin Pechulis*



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*) **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalm 90:1-8,12**

(Congregation sings the refrain below.)



1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God. **[Refrain]**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are
like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night **[Refrain]**

5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **[Ref.]**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful
indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. **[Refrain]**

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **[Ref.]**

THE SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Before Thy Throne, O God (H 574; vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3-4 after)* *St. Petersburg*

(Please stand as you are able.)



THE GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his enslaved people and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those enslaved people came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received

the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy enslaved person; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy enslaved person; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy enslaved person! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless enslaved person, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Allison Harmon

THE NICENE CREED (*Please 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Please remain standing as you are able.)*
After each petition,

Lord in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect, and the People respond, **Amen.**

CONFESSION *(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*
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.

ABSOLUTION
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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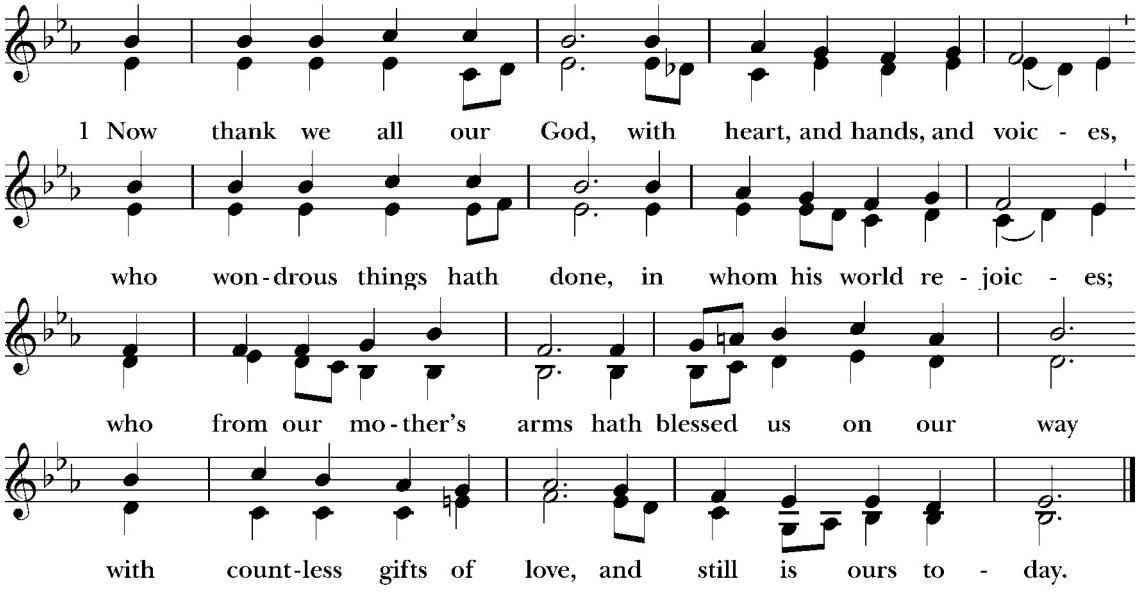
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Gloria Sei Dir Gesungen, from 'Wachet Auf' Johann Sebastian Bach*
St. John's Choir *(Sung in German)*

Let "Gloria" be sung to you with the tongues of men and angels, even with harps and with cymbals. Of twelve pearls are the gates made, in your city where we are companions of the angels high around your throne. No eye has ever perceived, no ear has ever heard such joy. Therefore we are joyful — hurray, hurray — eternally in sweet rejoicing.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God (H 397, vs. 1) Nun danket alle Gott*



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Justin Pechulis*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Ancient Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray,

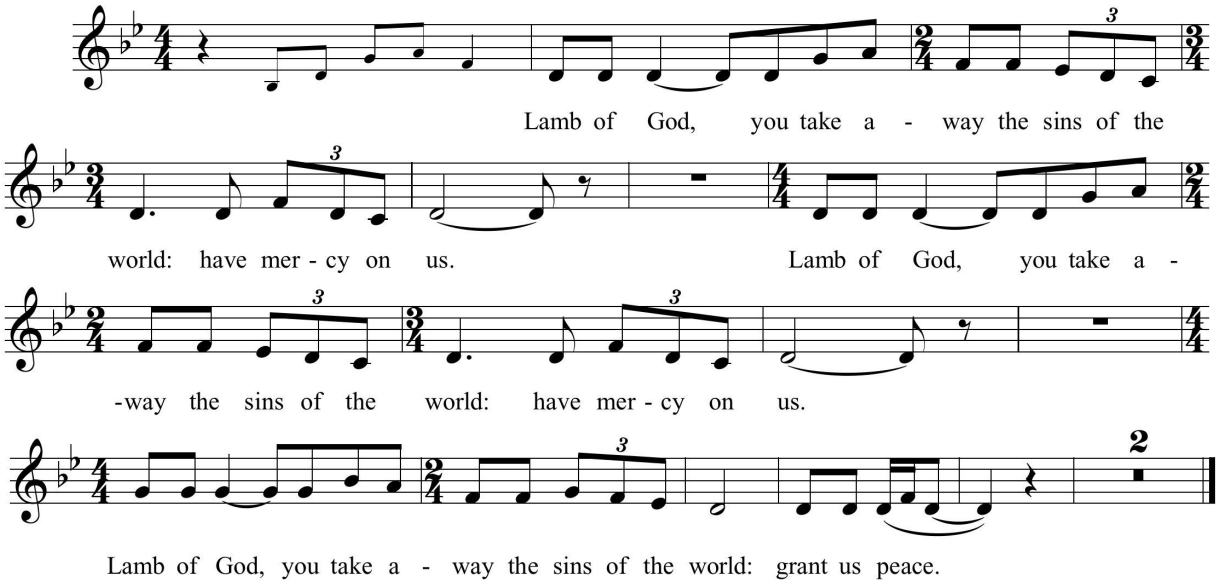
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

THE FRACTION HYMN *Lamb of God* *Justin Pechulis*



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: God Welcomes You to the Table

This is Christ's Table, where God welcomes all to be fed and blessed. All baptized people, of any Christian tradition, background, or age, are invited to receive Communion. (Please follow the direction of the ushers.) We offer both a common cup for drinking and a separate cup for intinction/dipping. If you choose to drink from the Common Cup, please assist the Eucharistic Minister in directing the cup to your mouth. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know. If you are not baptized or prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive God's blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you. You are also welcome to remain where you are for prayer and reflection. (Curious about baptism? One of our clergy would love to talk with you!)

COMMUNION HYMN I *Signs of Endings All Around Us (W 721)* *Ton-y Botel*



COMMUNION HYMN II *Let the Heav'n Light Shine on Me (L 174)* *Roland Carter*



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN *Sleepers, Wake! (H 61)* *Philipp Nicolai/Wachet auf*



DISMISSAL
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Silver Trumpet* *Gilbert Martin*

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andy, Eilidh, Frank & Jennifer, James, Jenna, Louise & Family, Mark Albright, Liz Armstrong, Beverley Ajeck, Deb Avant, Steve Belknap, Kerry Birney, Breezy Bishop, Karl & Ruth Boin, Teddy Clarke, Barbara Epke & Gordon Nahas, Glenda Finley, Constance & David Fischel, Sue Frixione, Emily Geist, Michael Gottlieb, Betsy Grater, Marti Guillet, Lauren Hopkins, Bill Lindemann, Paige Marlow, Brent & Meg McDorman, Pat Merson, Bob Miller, Charles H. Miller, Phyllis Nelson, Roger Nelson, Kathy O'Dunne, Yvonne Osmond, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Teri Salmons, Dan Staples, Tricia Supik, Christopher Towle, Marion Walker, and Victoria Weimer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS: *LCDR Matthew Kircher, USN*

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR *are given in thanksgiving and loving memory of Mary Nelson and Rebecca Shingleton, mother and sister of Sarah Nelson.*

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. ***Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.***

ST. JOHN'S
PARISH DAY SCHOOL

ROAD TO KINDERGARTEN

Join us for a virtual event:

Tuesday, Nov. 17th 6:30pm

Friday, Nov. 20th 12:00pm

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Advent begins



ONE WORSHIP

SUN., NOV. 29TH
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Sun., Nov. 29th • 11:30 a.m.
All Saints Hall

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Where can I get a hard copy form to complete?

Hard copy pledge forms are available in our worship spaces, in the church office, or download one at *www.stjohnsec.org/give.*

What are my options for making payments?

After completing your pledge form, you may pay by:

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Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church
Sundays. 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly Worship, All Saints Hall
Sundays, 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church
(11:00 a.m. is livestreamed whenever possible on YouTube — https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube)
주일 성찬예배 오전 *10:30*, 한국어 성찬예배는 *Resurrection* 채플에서 드립니다.

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