

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

SUN., OCT. 25, 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.

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PRELUDE No. 5 from *Sixty Devotional Pieces*

Paul Benoit

ENTRANCE HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (H 680)

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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.**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple, his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 FIRST READING *(Please be seated.)*

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

(Congregation sings the refrain below.)



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

[Refrain]

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

[Refrain]

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

[Refrain]

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Rise Up, Ye Saints (H 551; vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)*
(Please stand as you are able.)

Festal Song

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Georgi Funderburk

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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Youth Choir

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (W 761, vs. 1)* *Holy Manna*

1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;
Ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -
ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of full - ness,
All a - round us is our food. Taste and see the
grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly

Lord God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glor - y.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

slower Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *a tempo* Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let a 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 cannot come forward, tell an usher, and a priest will come to you. Curious about baptism? One of our clergy would love to talk with you!

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

St. John's Choir (Sung in Latin)

Where there is charity and love, there is God.

The love of Christ has gathered us together; let us rejoice and be glad in it, and from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN I *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* (H 517)

Brother James' Air

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -
me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor
in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly
flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Ein Feste Burg*

David Cherwien

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Andy, Eilidh, Frank & Jennifer, James, Jenna, Louise & Family, Liz Armstrong, Beverley Ajeck, Deb Avant, Steve Belknap, Breezy Bishop, Karl & Ruth Boin, Teddy Clarke, Barbara Epke & Gordon Nahas, Constance & David Fischel, Sue Frixione, Michael Gottlieb, Art Grotz, Marti Guillet, Nancy Jaworski, Pat Merson, Bob Miller, Charles H. Miller, Phyllis Nelson, Roger Nelson, Michael O'Connor, Kathy O'Dunne, Yvonne Osmond, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Teri Salmons, Dan Staples, Christopher Towle, Marion Walker, and Victoria Weimer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Rosemary and Barry Eigen in memory of Rosemary's mother, Sophie Grenier.

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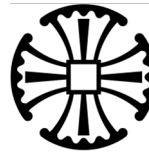
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