



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**  
**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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THE PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN 478 *Jesus our mighty Lord*

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355) *All stand.*

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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.**

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
 hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*All sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: HAGGAI 1:15B–2:9

A Reading from the Book of Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

<sup>20</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

<sup>21</sup>The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

<sup>22</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## THE EPISTLE: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that

you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 583 O *holy city seen of John*

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38

*Remain standing.*

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston

*All sit.*

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 326)

*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.**

*Celebrant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

We pray today for those who serve in our local hospitals, care facilities, schools, colleges, and correctional facilities; for those who serve in law enforcement and in the legal system; and for members of the military and those serving overseas, especially Ben and Eric.

For all people in their daily life and work,

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For our President Donald, our Governor Kay, and our Mayor Steven; for members of our state legislature, and our national representatives and senators, that there may be respectful and wise governance for the welfare of our nation and of the world; and for victims of violence and conflict, especially in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For an awareness and sense of gratitude for the beauty of the world around us;

For the just and proper use of your creation,

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Glenda and Brian our Bishops, Duncan and Mark our priests, for Stewart our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those for whom the altar flowers have been given:

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Simple Song (Mass)* Leonard Bernstein

*Sing God a simple song - Lauda laude Make it up, as you go along - Lauda laude*

*Sing, like you like to sing, God loves all simple things*

*For God, is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song*

*To praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord*

*I will sing his praises, while I live all of my days.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Blessed is the man who praises him - Lauda lauda laude And walks in his way. I will lift up my eyes too the hills from whence comes my help*

*I will lift up my voice to the Lord. Singing lauda laude*

*For the lord, is my shade upon my right hand and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.*

All stand to sing the offertory verse 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, (BCP p. 361) *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All kneel as able.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying*

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.

*The priest receives the Sacrament, and then serves the people with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*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.*

*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.*

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THE AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*All kneel as able.*

*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.**

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THE BLESSING

*Celebrant*

Go now with courage, for God is with you.

Do not let anyone deceive you

but hold fast to the traditions of the Apostles  
and put your trust in the God of the living.

And may our Lord Jesus Christ

and God our Father, who loved us

and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

comfort your hearts through the Holy Spirit

and strengthen them in every good work and word..

THE CLOSING HYMN 579 *Almighty Father, strong to save*

*All stand.*

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THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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THE POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso (Sonata II)*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

**Clergy:** The Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston, *Rector*

The Reverend Mark E. Waldo, Jr., *Associate Rector*

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

**Director of Youth Ministries:** J.R. Marshall

**Organist:** Joel Gregory

**Acolytes:** Thomas Arrington, Knox Presley Clark, Adams Hill, William Russell

**Altar Guild:** Chuck Moore

**Lector and Intercessor:** William Haynes, Sarah Spratling

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Maria Pacheco, Radney Ramsey

**Ushers/Greeters:** Keith Miller, Elizabeth Lawlor, Ashley Roseboro, Karen Westhauser

**Flower Guild:** Fay WorriLOW, Mary Helen Mahan

**Flower Delivery Team:** Maria Pacheco, Anne & Reggie Hamner, Allison Prillaman

**Videographer:** Scott Mitchell

**Instrumentalists:** Bob Hoit, *clarinet*; David Simpson, *bassoon*; Robby Gibson, *guitar*

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Dorothy Moffatt Campbell, David Edward Campbell, Nancy Elizabeth Cantrell, Lacy Ethel Williams Cantrell, Clyde Hull Cantrell, Paul D. Everest, Margaret C. Everest, Carol Everest Keeney, John W. Everest

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

Youth Happening event, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Bill Marks, Carma Marks, Richard McCrory, Pat McDonald, Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Mosely, Cameron Napier, Bud Nason, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price, Debbie Steindorff, Jack Taylor, Barbara Wallace. Florence Young

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Gail Alsobrook, Ilouise Bradford, Mac Burton, Willie "Bill" Carden, John Ferguson, Bob Geddie, Stephanie Holmes, Josie Lee, Charles Lewis, Leslie Little, Margaret Moore, Karen Pacheco, Ron Skoneki, Madera Spenser, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Katherine Weidner, 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, Laura Knapp

### **Annual Bazaar Coming Soon**

Please join the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. John's Episcopal Church at its annual bazaar and luncheon on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 from 10-2 p.m. Sunday School classrooms will be turned into shops for handmade arts and crafts, a pantry of homemade casseroles, soups and breads, a treasure attic full of gently used household goods including kitchen ware, china, silver, holiday and home decor as well as a silent auction. For more information, contact Christine Kline at [firefamily1991@gmail.com](mailto:firefamily1991@gmail.com).

### **New Sunday School Class: Spiritual Expression**

\*Please note: this class will not meet today due to the youth Happening event. It will resume next Sunday.\*

Part of Spiritual Expression is taking time to encourage ourselves to see more of who we are, what we believe God to be, and how God loves and guides us in our daily lives. You do not have to be an artist or even artistic in any way to participate in this brief introductory class. Each week will be a different example of one of the many ways to help engage your understanding of your creative expression and possibly help you connect on a deeper level to yourself and your relationship to God. Class will meet from 9:15 until 10:15 in the small dining room off the Parish Hall.

### **Upcoming Concerts**

Organ Concert November 16 at 4 p.m. by Dr. Joshua Coble of Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Mobile with a reception to follow. Works by Bach, Widor, George Shearing and Alain.

Then on November 30, Bishop Glenda Curry will host a program at St. John's at 5 p.m. to celebrate Rosa Parks Weekend and to honor the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. The program will feature Dr. Alcee Chriss III as organist performing music by black composers. Everyone is welcome.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

St. John's is continuing its tradition of Remembrance Sunday where hundreds of ceramic poppies from the Alabama Poppy Project are installed in the Labyrinth Garden for a healing and remembrance event at 10:15 a.m. today. P

## Pledge Packets Out Now

Pledge packets were mailed out during the month of October. If you didn't receive yours and would like to, you can either:

1. Email [churchoffice@stjohnsmontgomery.org](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsmontgomery.org) and let us know so we can mail you one
  2. Call us at 334-262-1937 to request a packet
- or
3. Pick up a pledge packet in the church office, parish hall, or front of the sanctuary

All pledge materials are also available by visiting [stjohnsmontgomery.org/pages/2025-pledge-packets](http://stjohnsmontgomery.org/pages/2025-pledge-packets)

Many thanks for your continued generosity and dedication to St. John's!

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