



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 LESSONS

*All sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2A

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A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 98

*Sung by the choir.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

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A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 679 *Surely it is God who saves me*

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THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

*Remain standing.*

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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THE SERMON                      The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston                      *All sit*

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THE NICENE CREED (BCP P. 358)                      *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.**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      *All kneel as able.*

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.**

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THE PEACE

*The people stand to greet one another.*

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

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

*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.**

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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.

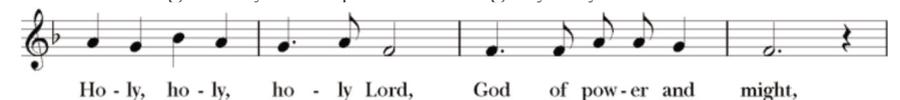
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

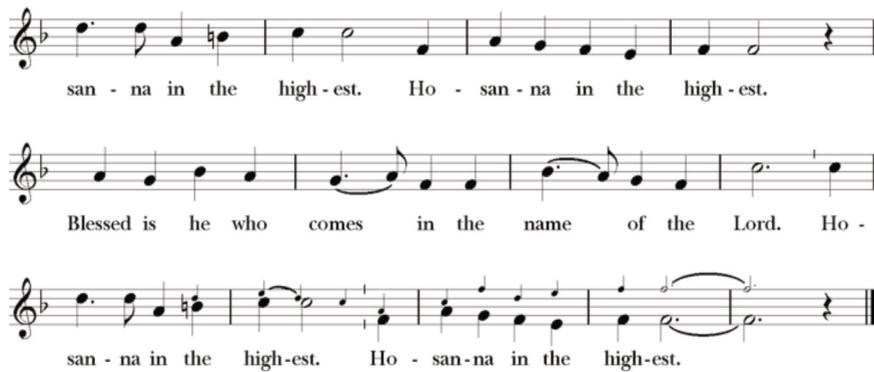
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*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:





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.*

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.**

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.*

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#### 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 and tell the world what God does.

Do not chase after self-proclaimed messiahs,

but draw deeply from God's saving well

and speak the words the Spirit gives you.

Do not be weary in doing what is right.

And may God delight in you and give you strength;

May Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of new life;

And may the Holy Spirit give you the words and wisdom

to withstand all that would tear you down.

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THE CLOSING HYMN 488 *Be thou my vision*

*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 (Voluntary in d minor)*

John Stanley

**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:** Chloe Cumuze, Costa Cumuze, John Morgan Longshore, Parker Mantooh, Lawton McCollum, Sam Snyder

**Altar Guild:** Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

**Lector and Intercessor:** Mark Chappell, Nick Prillaman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Morgan Chappell, Mary Hughes

**Ushers/Greeters:** Chuck Ocheltree, Mark Chappell, Jim Marshall, Liam McMullan

**Flower Guild:** Lacy Gibson

**Flower Delivery Team:** Melissa Carter, Doris Ball, Linda Hutchinson

**Videographer:** Jim Cannon

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

**Altar Flowers are given in memory of:** Jule 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 Lathem, William Douglas Morrison

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

Dorothy Arrington, Renee Carlisle, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, 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).

### **Bazaar Pantry Asking for Donations**

Calling all bakers! The St. John's Bazaar Pantry is asking for donations of your delicious pies, cakes, cookies, sweet treats, and savory snacks. We would especially love your favorite Thanksgiving desserts: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, apple pies, etc. Please deliver them to the church's main desk by Tuesday, November 18th. Thank you for sharing your baking skills with us! Contact: Mitzi Waldo, 334-224-8045.

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

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.

## 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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