



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025, 10:30 A.M.
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE PRELUDE *Trio: "Now Thank We All Our God"* James Conely

THE OPENING HYMN 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

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

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.

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 FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23: 1-6

A Reading from the prophet 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.**

¹God 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;**

³Though 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.**

⁵There 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.**

⁷The 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.**

⁹Come 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.**

A Reading from Paul's 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 435 *At the name of Jesus, verses 1-4*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

Remain standing.

Priest 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. And the people stood by, watching; 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."

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. 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel as able.

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.**

THE PEACE

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Jesus King Most Wonderful* David Hogan

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.

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.

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.**

THE BLESSING

Go now, joyfully giving thanks to the one true King.

Prepare a pathway for the Lord;

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. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 397 *Now thank we all our God*

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Paul Manz

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

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministries: J.R. Marshall

Organist: Jim Conely

Acolytes: Nancy Bradford, Samuel Collier, Suzanne Holmes, Thomas Lawlor

Altar Guild: James Rinehart

Lector and Intercessor: Tracey Campbell, Ashley Roseboro

Eucharistic Ministers: Betsy Cannon, Fairley McDonald

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Jon Dailey, Florence Tyson, Cole Wise

Flower Guild: Bette Smith, Carroll Nason

Flower Delivery Team: Jeanne Drummond, Debbie & George Wakefield

Videographer: Ken Kline

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Julia Parker Oliver, Thomas Winfrey Oliver, IV, Howard Arrington Parker, Ola David Parker, Howard Arrington Parker, Jr., Glenn David Anderson, John Fairley McDonald, Jr., Donald McDonald

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Dorothy Arrington, Ilouise Bradford, Renee Carlisle, Rick Durden, Dave Funk, Emily Crump Johannes, Carma Marks, Richard McCroxy, 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, 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

Bazaar Updates

Many thanks to everyone who made this year's Bazaar a success! Proceeds this year are going to the Boys and Girls Club of the River Region. All remaining items in the Treasure Attic are now half off. Pantry food items are still available. Please call 334-262-1937 or email churchoffice@stjohnsmontgomery.org if you have questions.

Upcoming Concert

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.

Advent Wreath Decorating

Today after the 10:30 service, everyone is invited to come to the Parish Hall and collect materials to make their own Advent Wreath! Please note that there will be no luncheon this year.

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.

Grief Share Group Dec. 1

For those experiencing a loss, December can be painful. Death, separation, divorce, illness, family trauma, job loss, or moving to a new location result in great losses that make the holidays difficult. St. John's will be offering a nationally recognized grief support program called Grief Share on Dec. 1. Register at griefshare.org/events/276204 or email duncan@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

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 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

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

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