



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II NOVEMBER 15, 2020 10:00 AM

Voluntary

*Adoration*

Florence Price

**Entrance Hymn 9, vv. 4-6** (*Sung by the choir*)

*Not here for high and holy things*

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,  
the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry  
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,

to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;  
to spend thyself not count the cost; to serve right gloriously  
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* 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 Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** (*Seated*)

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 541, vv. 1-2** (*Sung by the choir; standing*)

*Come, labor on*

Come, labor on.  
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
“Go work today.”

Come, labor on.  
The enemy is watching night and day,  
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;  
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,  
he slumbered not.

**The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30** (*Standing*)

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

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves 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 slaves 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 slave; 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 slave; 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 slave! 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 slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Homily

### The Sermon *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

### The Prayers of the People *(Kneeling or standing)*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Remembering John Michael Hogan, baptized yesterday, I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Julia Livingston, Shari Arrington, Marcos de Souza Lima, Mark Menning, Carraway, Zilpah Boyd, Jean Thompson, Grady Enlow, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* 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.

*The Priest offers absolution of sin.*

### The Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### Offertory

*Lord, I trust thee*

G. F. Handel

*We encourage you to place your offerings in the offertory plates at the exits of the church if you are worshipping with us in person.*

*If you are worshipping with us online, you can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56. You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage. You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him 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 ... 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 S 130** (*Sung by the choir*)

*Holy, holy, holy*

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. (2x)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

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:

*Priest and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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:

### **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* 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 680** *(Sung by the choir; standing)*

*O God, our help in ages past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

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.

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### **Voluntary**

*How fair and pleasant art thou*

Marcel Dupré

### **Flower dedication**

*In thanksgiving for Scott Haines on his birthday, by Helen Haines*