

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10 a.m. 5 October 2025

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.  
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Tower Bells**

**Voluntary .....Toccata in G Major**  
W. H. Pachelbel

**O God of every nation (Stand) .....Hymn 607**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

**Song of Praise ..... Hymn S 236**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to  
hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire  
or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy  
to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus  
Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from the book of Habakkuk**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long  
shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you  
“Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see  
wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are  
before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous -  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the  
rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and  
what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord  
answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on  
tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision  
for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If  
it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the  
righteous live by their faith. *[Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 37:1-10** *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by John Joubert*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart’s desire.

5 Commit your way to the Lord  
and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord  
shall possess the land.

**A Reading from the second letter to Timothy**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the  
sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy,  
my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God- whom I worship with a clear  
conscience, as my ancestors did- when I remember you  
constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I  
long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded  
of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother  
Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.  
For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is  
within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not  
give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of  
love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or  
of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel,  
relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a  
holy calling, not according to our works but according to his  
own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ  
Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed  
through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who  
abolished death and brought life and immortality to light  
through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald  
and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I  
do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have  
put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that  
day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of  
sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and  
love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted  
to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. *[2 Timothy 1:1-14]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**O thou who camest from above (Stand) ..... Hymn 704**

**The Gospel**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord  
replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could  
say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’  
and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come  
in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at  
once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say  
to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me  
while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you

thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” [Luke 17:5-10]

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader Lord, you are our portion,  
People therefore will we hope in you.

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) ..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....Thee we adore  
T. Frederick Candlyn

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)..... Hymn 397, v.3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer A ..... BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all)..... Hymn S 125

The Lord’s Prayer..... BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all).....Hymn S 154

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns..... 312, 659, 634

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this  
Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the  
communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all  
share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Ye servants of God (Stand) .....Hymn 535

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary..... Praise to the Lord  
J. G. Walther

Tower Bells

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
service is livestreamed

7:30 p.m.....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
with Healing Prayer

5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel  
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to  
praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Bill, Ben, Taylor, Carol Hudson

The Departed: Jim Ogorek

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian