

18th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 12 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**Prelude in D Major**, BWV 532
J. S. Bach

God is love (*Stand*) **Hymn 379**

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and
follow us, that we may continually be given to good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the book of Second Kings

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a
great man and in high favor with his master, because by him

the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty
warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of
their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of
Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress,
“If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He
would cure him of his leprosy.”

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes
and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends
word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how
he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel
had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have
you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn
that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his
horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s
house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the
Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you
shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away,
saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and
stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave
his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and
Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of
Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and
went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to
him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do
something difficult, would you not have done it? How much
more, when all he said to you was, `Wash, and be clean’?” So he
went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,
according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored
like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company;
he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there
is no God in all the earth except in Israel.” [2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c]

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

Psalm 111 *Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Herbert Howells*

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

A Reading from the second letter to Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant
of David – that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even
to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of
God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake
of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in
Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have
died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will
also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we
are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they
are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only
ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself
to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be
ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

[2 Timothy 2:8-15]

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

Help us, O Lord, to learn (*Stand*) **Hymn 628**

The Gospel

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region
between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers
approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying,
“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said
to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they
went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he
was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean?
But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to
return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he

said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.” [Luke 17:11-19]

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 Christ, hear our prayer!
People Jesus, have mercy on us!

Collect for the Diocese (Remain kneeling)

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling) BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory O Lord, increase my faith
Henry Loosemore

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..... 655, 567, 538

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

O for a thousand tongues (Stand) Hymn 493

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Fugue in D Major, BWV 532
J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Haines in memory of Garnet Ogle Haines Samuell.

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