

21st Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 18 October 2026

*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 Chorale in e minor
Improvisation

All my hope on God is founded *(Stand)***Hymn 665**

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, in Christ you have revealed
your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your
mercy, that your Church throughout the world may
persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your
Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Children’s Chapel *(9:00 a.m. only)*

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

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right
hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip
kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates
shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the
bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches
hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the
Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake
of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your
name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the
Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm
you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from
the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one
besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light
and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do
all these things. *[Isaiah 45:1-7]*

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

Psalm 96:1-9

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Maggie Burk

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his
salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you
in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and
sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as
you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for
your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for
in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired
by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the
Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and
Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the
people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome
we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to
serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues
us from the wrath that is coming. *[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10]*

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

In your mercy, Lord, you called me *(Stand)* **Hymn 706**

The Gospel

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he
said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the
Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and
teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show
deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.
Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the
emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why
are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin
used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said
to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered,
“The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the
emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things
that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and
they left him and went away. *[Matthew 22:15-22]*

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

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 Be gracious to us, O God;
People show us your mercy.

The Presider offers a concluding collect.

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Give almes of thy goods
Christopher Tye

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 432, v.4

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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

The Lord’s Prayer..... BCP 364

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

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns 325, 309, 689

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

God of grace and God of glory (Stand) Hymn 594

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Litanies
Jehan Alain

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Erik and Melanie Salsgiver in memory of the anniversary of
Erik’s parents, Jim & Gail Salsgiver.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 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 and 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

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Sanctuary
service is livestreamed
11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Sanctuary
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: Charley, Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Jeff, Earle, Walter, Phoebe, Marie, Cliff, Mary Kae, Lisa, Jim, Thurman Roddenberry, Ozzie Blanton

The Departed: Josephine Newton, Glen Yaege

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Venerable Jeanie Beyers, Archdeacon; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacon; Michael Stewart-Meza, Jonathan Jackson, Postulants for Holy Orders