All stand in body or spirit for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) *All children and youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.*

The Dismissal Hymn **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah** Words: John Riley
#690, The Hymnal 1982 Music: adapt and harm. Ralph Williams

1 Guide me, O my great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
St. John's Episcopal Church
November 8, 2026

Families with young children

Interactive worship bags for children are available in the Narthex (church lobby). Nursery care, age 5 and under, is also offered in the Parish Hall, with drop-off between 9:15 and 9:45 AM. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.

Prelude

7:45 AM and 9:30 AM — All stand in body or spirit at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM) **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings** Words: Robert Robinson
#686, The Hymnal 1982 Music: *Nettleton*

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help, I've come;
and i hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God:
he, to my rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Acclamation p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

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

Officiant
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.**

Gloria in excelsis
S-280, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Wisdom Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

Psalm Appointed: Psalm 70(read in unison) p. 682, Book of Common Prayer

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All
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 for ever and ever. Amen.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S-155 (front of The Hymnal 1982)
At 7:45 AM, spoken **At 9:30 AM, sung**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. After receiving the wafer, you may drink from the common cup or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the chalice. Please take care to only dip the wafer. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Hymn(9:30 AM) **Be Though my vision** Words: Mary Byrne
#488, The Hymnal 1982 Music: *Slane,* adapt. The Church Hymnary

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own I may be
thou in my dwelling, and one with thee.

3. High King of Heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Great Thanksgiving p 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

The Sanctus—holy, holy, holy (7:45 spoken, 9:30 sung)
S-129 (front of hymnal)

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

The Celebrant continues.

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 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 give 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 has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice 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.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM) **Lift up your heads** Words: Georg Weissel
#436, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3 Music: *Truro*; harm. Lowell Mason

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom
this King of triumph comes

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Matthew 25:1-13
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

Sequence hymn continued

4 Redeemer, come, I open wide
my heart to thee: here Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin:
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won

Seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon Fr. Mac Brown, Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand in body or spirit for **The Nicene Creed**

**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**.

Prayers of the People Form VI p. 392 Book of Common Prayer

Leader: In peace we pray to you Lord God.
Silence
Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;
People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop and Sam Rodman, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers
People: For all who serve God in his church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence *The people may add their own petitions.*
Leader: Hear us Lord:
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence *The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God, our King;
People: And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place your eternal kingdom.
Silence *The people may add their own petitions.*
Leader: Lord let your loving kindness be upon them.
People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
ALL **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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The altar flowers are given by Maggie Shalar in remembrance of Alex Shalar.

Offertory Anthem: **Growing in Gods Grace Choir**
Lyrics by Hannibal & Hari

The love of God is like a vine:
The source of all that brings us life.
Lord, help us know Your truth divine;
Teach us to be Your living wine.

For every thing there is a time:
A time to grow; a time to climb.
A time to seek; a time to find.
A time to rise; a time to shine.

Lord of the vineyard, help us to grow.
Make us Your harvest; let Your grace overflow.
Lord of creation, show us Your plan.
Help us trust in You each day.
Teach us, Lord, to know Your way.
We place our dreams within Your hands.

The seasons come; the seasons go.
And in God's time, our garden grows.
Lord, help us find our perfect place,
Forever growing in Your grace.

All stand in body or spirit for
The Doxology (7:45 AM—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 AM—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**