

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-second Sunday *after Pentecost*

Holy Eucharist

October 25, 2026 • 9:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.

Bold print indicates participation by the congregation

Page numbers in *The Book of Common Prayer* refer to the red book

Hymn numbers prefixed H indicate the blue *Hymnal 1982*

WLP indicates the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

LEVAS indicate the black & red *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' Name (Coronation)

H 450

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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

**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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer p. 357)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 1

We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse:

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives

or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)

H 657

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sally Goodall

THE NICENE CREED

Enriching our Worship I, p. 53

All standing in body or spirit.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer p. 359

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; remembering especially *The Church of the Province of Central Africa* in the Anglican Communion; and in the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the Treasurer and Vice-Treasurers, and the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Anne our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially those on our prayer list.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Enriching our Worship I, p. 56

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have

denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Book of Common Prayer p. 376

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God,

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus (St. Elizabeth)

H 383

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Enriching our Worship I, p. 57

SURSUM CORDA

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

S 125

**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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 363

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God (Powell)

S 163

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome all to the table for Holy Communion. All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest. You may receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds and gluten free wafers are available by request.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 365

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)

H 423

DISMISSAL

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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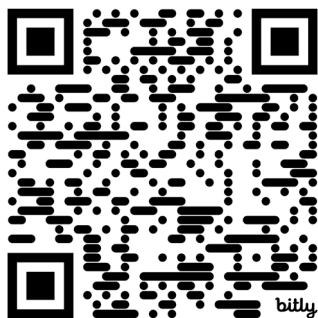
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TODAY'S AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Earle F. Carlsten by Ronald and Maria Gould and of Arlene Evelyn Szallai Kidd by Cathy Stigliano.

We Welcome You to *St. John's*

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register in the hallway. And please join us for conversation and refreshments in the back of the nave after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH Following today's service, please join us for a brunch in the back of the sanctuary where we will distribute stewardship packets.

ALL SAINTS DAY Altar Guild will again display photographs of deceased loved ones during the service. If you would like to have a loved one's name listed in the bulletin and read aloud during the service, please give the name to Cindy Sharish or Leslie in the office at 330-743-3175.

AMBIENT MUSIC MEDITATION All are welcome to our Ambient Music Meditation from 12pm-1pm in the Church. The next date is Friday, November 6.

BOOK CLUB The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 11 at 4:00 in the parlor and the selection is *Last Twilight in Paris* by Pam Jenoff.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Twila,
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