

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-first Sunday *after Pentecost*



Morning Prayer

October 18, 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*

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the living God (Leoni)

H 372

The Word of the Lord

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth

John 4:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Enriching Our Worship p. 20

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

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The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God, *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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THE PSALM

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

We will read the psalm together responsively by whole verse. 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.

³Declare 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.

⁵As 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!

⁷Ascribe 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.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

[¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! ***

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**

before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus 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:

²“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,

³I 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.
⁴For 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.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so 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.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

FIRST CANTICLE

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

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**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

1Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And 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, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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SECOND CANTICLE

A Song of Jerusalem Our Mother (Isaiah 66:10-14)

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Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her *

all you who love her,

Rejoice, rejoice with her, *

all you who mourn over her,

That you may drink deeply with delight *

from her comforting breast.

For thus says our God, *

"I will extend peace to her like a river,

the wealth of nations like an overflowing stream.

"You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and you shall nestle in her lap.

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; *

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice, *

you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."

THIRD LESSON

Matthw 22:15-22

A Reading from Matthew

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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The Prayers

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 97

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

Enriching Our Worship 1 p. 42

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
V. Look upon your congregation;

- R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
 V. Declare your glory among the nations;
 R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**
 V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
 R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
 V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
 R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
 V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
 R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

Book of Common Prayer p. 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 815

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer p. 392

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 Anglican Church of Canada in the Anglican Communion; and in the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for *St. Michael's-in-the-Hills Church, Toledo* and *Trinity Church, Toledo* and their surrounding communities.

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 Officiant Concludes

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, labor on (Ora Labora)

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Prayer p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda)

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DISMISSAL

Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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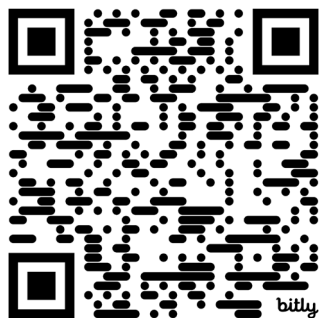
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TODAY'S AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the honor and glory of God by St. Faith Altar Guild.

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

AN EVENING OF HYMNS AMAZING LOVE! Songs of Praise with Reflection. Robin Woodberry will be offering a hymn reflection at 7:00 pm tonight at Trinity United Methodist Church at 30 Front St.

STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH On October 25, following the service, please join us for a brunch in the back of the sanctuary where we will distribute the stewardship packets. If you would like to contribute a dish to the brunch, please contact Molly Letcher or Leslie in the office at 330-743-3175.

ALL SAINTS DAY Altar Guild will again display photographs of deceased loved ones during the service. Please bring photographs and leave them in the office by 10/25/26.

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.

BOOK CLUB The next meeting is on 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

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