

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23

OCTOBER 12, 2025

WELCOME!

10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity. At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete and place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



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from Art in the Christian Tradition

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Following the pattern of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – RITE II

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mike Spencer

Please stand as you are able

Hymn - "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

#376 in **The Hymnal 1982***

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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Opening Acclamation

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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

#S-278 in **The Hymnal 1982***

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated

First Lesson - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Pat Roush

Reader A reading from Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-11 - *Jubilate Deo*

The Portland Psalter*

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the Refrain.



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| 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise. | 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him. |
| 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your
enemies cringe before you. | 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard; |
| 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name." | 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip. |
| 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing
toward all people | 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried. |
| 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him. | 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. |
| | 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a
place of refreshment. |

Second Lesson - 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Sara Philo

Reader A reading from 2 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Acclamation - "Alleluia"

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the Refrain.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia acclamation. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal staff (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment staff (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, with the piano accompaniment providing a steady harmonic foundation.

Verse:

In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus

(1 Thess. 5:18)

Alleluia VII - Berthier (from Taizé)

Gospel Reading - Luke 17:11-19

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation - "Alleluia"

See previous page ...

Please be seated

Sermon

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Please stand to say together

Nicene Creed

p. 358 in **The BCP**

**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.

Prayer of the People - Form III (p. 387 in The BCP)

Marnie Bash

Leader	Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader	Remembering especially those on our parish prayer list: Cathy & Juan, Susan & Bob, Char, Betty, Ronnie, Henry, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene, Lynn, the Peterson family, Pam, the family of Tom Monto, Brad & Rebecca, the family of Tom Monto, Ed, Laani, and Don, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
People	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. <i>[The people are invited to offer their own prayers]</i>

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies,
look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

p. 359 in The BCP

Celebrant	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. <i>Silence</i>
Together	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.

Absolution

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.

Prayer for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Other Milestones

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem - "Rejoice Greatly"

Handbell Choir

Susan E. Geschke

Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361 in **The BCP**

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 right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly,
 ho - ly ho-ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the
 Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

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 out 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 gave 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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise 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 Lord's Prayer

p. 364 in **The BCP**

Celebrant
Together

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

p. 364 in **The BCP**

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. You may eat your bread/wafer and return to your seat, or hand it to a chalice-bearer who will intinct (dip) the bread and hand it back to you. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts, and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.

A Prayer in lieu of Sacramental Reception

attributed to *The Rev. Charles Curtis*

Those worshipping with us on our live stream are invited to use the following prayer as our in-person congregation receives Communion.

O blessed Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of your body and Blood. We love you above all things, and we long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you in your sacramental Presence, grant that we may still be fed by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. We welcome you and embrace you, and unite ourselves wholly to you; and grant, most gracious Lord, that we may evermore dwell in you, and you in us. Amen.

Communion Hymn - "Just as I am, without one plea"

#693 in the Hymnal 1982*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
*3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

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Together 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.

Blessing

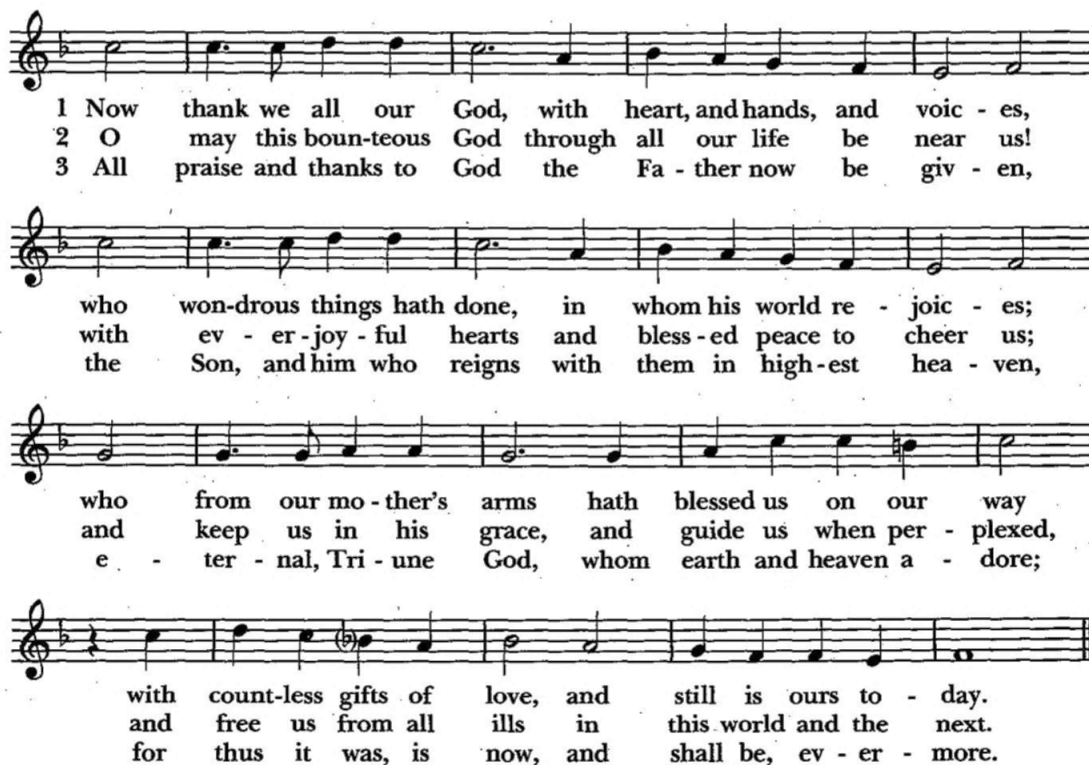
The priest blesses the people

People Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Closing Hymn - "Now thank we all our God"

#396 in The Hymnal 1982*



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts, and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: *Num danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

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Dismissal

Celebrant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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in loving memory of Tom Monto by Judy, Michelle, John & Matthew.*

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in loving memory of The Rev. Curtis Zimmerman by Stan & Carolyn Rowe.*



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Element Bearer..... Barb Tazelaar
Announcer Mike Spencer
Lectors..... Pat Roush, Sara Philo
Intercessor..... Marnie Bash
Crucifer/Eucharistic Minister..... Sara Philo
Eucharistic Minister Ellen McVey
Altar Guild Jacques Randolet, Andrea Burditt
Broadcast Technician Bill Kent
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(signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

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Class of 2026

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Class of 2028

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Class of 2027

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