

**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23**

**OCTOBER 12, 2025**

**WELCOME!**

**8:00 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.*

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### ***Our mission***

*LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST*



### **Christ and the Lepers**

*from Art in the Christian Tradition*

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### ***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**

*Please stand as you are able*

### **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.**

*Please read in unison*

### **Gloria**

p. 356 in **The BCP**

**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**

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**

*Carol Sullivan*

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.**

*Please read in unison*

**Psalms 66:1-11 - *Jubilate Deo***

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

Carol Sullivan

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*

## 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.**

*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)**

*Alicia Watt*

Leader	Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
<b>People</b>	<b>That we all may be one.</b>
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<b>People</b>	<b>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</b>
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<b>People</b>	<b>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.</b>
Leader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<b>People</b>	<b>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</b>
Leader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<b>People</b>	<b>That our works may find favor in your sight.</b>
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;
<b>People</b>	<b>That they may be delivered from their distress.</b>
Leader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
<b>People</b>	<b>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</b>

Leader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<b>People</b>	<b>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</b>
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>
<b>Together</b>	<b>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.</b>

### 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. <b>Amen.</b>
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### The Peace

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>

### Offertory

*Please stand as you are able*

<b>Together</b>	<b>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</b>
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### Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361 in The BCP

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

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:

**Together 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 .**

*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.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

p. 365 in **The BCP**

**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*

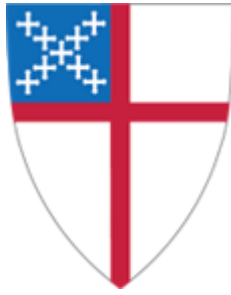
**Dismissal**

Celebrant      Let us bless the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Tom Monto by Judy, Michelle, John & Matthew.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of The Rev. Curtis Zimmerman by Stan & Carolyn Rowe.*



**HEAD OF THE CHURCH – JESUS CHRIST**  
**MINISTERS – ALL OUR MEMBERS**

**Clergy**

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson.....*Rector*

**Staff**

Dr. Amon Eady ..... *Director of Music*  
Travis Fader ..... *Organist*  
Linda Germain.....*Children & Youth Director*  
Colleen O'Dell .....*Bookkeeper*  
Ellen Woodard..... *Administrative Assistant*  
Nick Lowthian.....*Sexton*  
Vickie Densmore .....*Janitor*

**SERVING**

Presiding ..... The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
Preaching..... The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
Greeter/Usher..... Jim Bakeman  
Lector..... Carol Sullivan  
Intercessor..... Alicia Watt  
Eucharistic Minister ..... Alicia Watt  
Altar Guild ..... Jacques Randolet, Andrea Burditt  
Coffee Hour Host ..... Bruce & Judy Ellis  
(signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

**OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS**

**Class of 2026**

Deb Blackhurst  
Angela Garcia, *Co-Warden*  
Gail Hoffman

**Class of 2028**

John Adams  
Doug Germain  
Ann Wright

**Class of 2027**

Eric Heglin, Clerk  
Susan Rye  
Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

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