

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
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**THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**8:00am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us. If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish. If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.*

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## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

**The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

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## SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

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8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:30am	<i>Holy Household, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i>

# HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude:** "Little Prelude in E minor"

Dixon

*The people stand.*

10:30am

**Opening: The Hymnal 1982 #287**

For all the saints



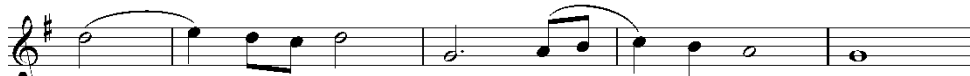
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are  
 war-riors com-eth rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

strong.  
 blest. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

#7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the  
#8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through  
saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host  
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

## Opening Acclamation

BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen,**

## Collect for Purity

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.**

8:00am  
Gloria

BCP pg. 356

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.

WLP 825

Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

## The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting *Amen*.

*The people are seated*

## Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out

of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

#### **Psalm 34:1-10,22**

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.**
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.**
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.**



- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

# 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

*The people stand.*

## The Hymnal 1982 #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - Rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

## THE SERMON

THE REV. NANCY STOCKBRIDGE

*At this time, you are invited to come forward to tie a ribbon on the Altar rail in memory of someone who has died.*

Music: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Hart                      arr. Moglebust  
Pianist: Guzal Isametdinova                      Bells: Cambria Van de Vaarst

## The Baptismal Covenant

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words.*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, during this observance of All Saints, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving  
your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all  
people, and respect the dignity of every human  
being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **A Litany of Saints**

*The Litanist begins and the People respond.*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the  
world, Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, Holy, blessed, and  
glorious Trinity, One God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses to the Love of God incarnate in  
Jesus Christ,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Joseph, her spouse and  
protector, we are strengthened for the journey. In the company of angels,  
archangels, and all the creatures who sing God's praises,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and all who tell the Gospel  
story, of Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary of Bethany, and all the women  
who follow and provide for Jesus,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of innocent children slain by Pharaoh, King Herod, Hitler, ISIS, the innocent children, and families slaughtered in our age, and other tyrants through the ages, of Stephen, first martyr; Alban, first martyr of Britain; Perpetua and Felicity, martyred while nursing their infants; and all who have died for the faith we proclaim,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of Benedict and Scholastica and all monastic women and men who desire God above all else, of Clare and Francis, who relinquished material wealth to preach the riches of God's realm for all,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of Mother Teresa, William Wilberforce, the martyrs of the American Civil Rights movement, and all who care for the suffering and the oppressed,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of all who heal body, mind, and spirit through prayer, counsel, the practice and science of medicine, and the witness of Doctors without Borders, of holy teachers who lead us to a deeper knowledge of God and the ways of righteousness and peace,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of all the baptized and all who seek to do God's work of peace and justice, especially those bringing relief, mercy and hope to the refugees of the world,

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of those baptized at St. John's this past year and last year, Scarlett Frances Neidhardt, Madeline Ann Elliott, Leo Issac Dec, James Michael Levender, Edward & Aston Walter Hartwell, Madison Rhys Springer, Jordan Shepherd Hayman, Connor Gregory Tust, Adeline Grace Pendleton, Kiyohiko Francis Murata, Noah Hendrick Evans, who were made members of the communion of saints and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

**We are strengthened for the journey.**

In the company of this community who died this year and, in the years, past, remembering especially David Fain, Jerry L. Bruemmer, Peter J. Cheung, Frances Hunt, Svetlana Ivanova Fleming, Walter Oesch, John Nevin Rentz, Claire Mendez Akwei, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Mimi McQueen, Barbara Hertz, Lujan Rusiecki, Corine Stain, Shelby Bostick, James K. Graham, Elizabeth DeJong, John Donald Riley, Herbert Broer, Joseph Raymond, Joel Guy, Dorothy Lee Finneyfrock, George Jones, Ann Mignosa, Jon Miller, Eleanor Ruth Thurber, and giving thanks for the women and men of our military who gave their lives,  
**We are strengthened for the journey.**

Holy God,  
**Make us holy.**

Self-giving God,  
**Make us generous.**

Loving God,  
Wisdom of God,  
**Dwell in us.**

Wisdom of God,  
**Dwell in us.**

Patience of God,  
**Keep us steadfast in faith and work.**

*Celebrant*

Holy One, we, too, would serve as your saints. Strengthen our wills; help us to grow in love and knowledge of you, and to speak your Word through our words and actions. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

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Anthem: Requiem

Giacomo Puccini

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

pg. 367

*The people stand.*

*People*                    The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*People*                    Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*People*                    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues.*

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

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:

*Celebrant and People*

8:00am

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

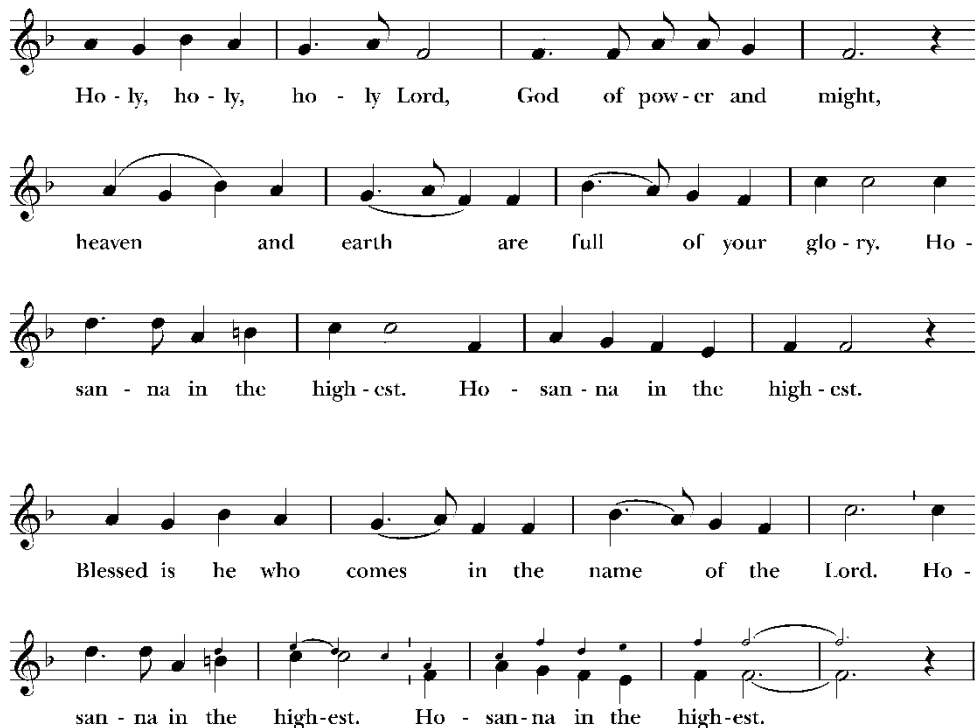
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



## Sanctus The Hymnal #S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: Eat This Bread

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal melody on a treble clef staff and a bass accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics for the first system are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." The second system also has a vocal melody on a treble clef staff and a bass accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics for the second system are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." Chord symbols are placed above the vocal melody staff in both systems.

Chord symbols for the first system: G, C, Am, D, Bm, Em, Dsus, D.

Chord symbols for the second system: G, D, Em, Bm, C, Dsus, D, G.

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## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

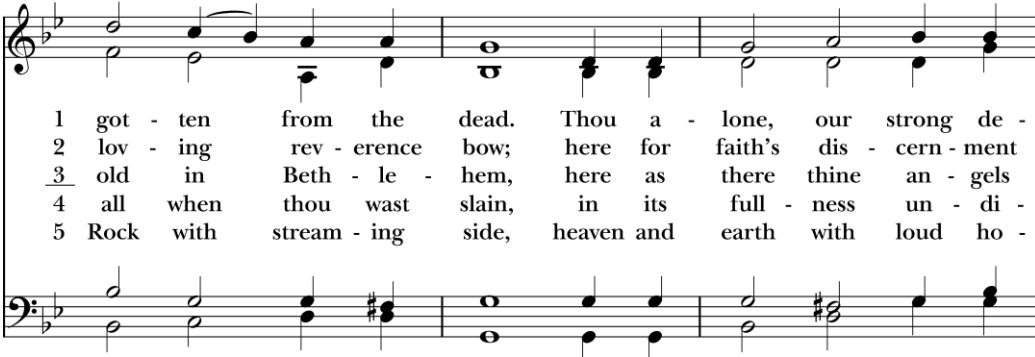
*Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To received bread put your hands out To receive wine please drink for the chalice. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest.*

*The People are seated.*

**Communion: Hymn 1982 #307** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor (Bryn Calfaría)



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -  
 \*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in  
 \*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of  
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for  
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -  
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment  
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels  
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -  
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -



1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.  
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.  
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.  
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing  
 2 Thou art here, we ask not  
 3 We in wor - ship join with  
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery  
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.  
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.  
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calfaria*, melody William Owen (1813-1983); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977.

Let us pray.

*The people stand*

**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.**

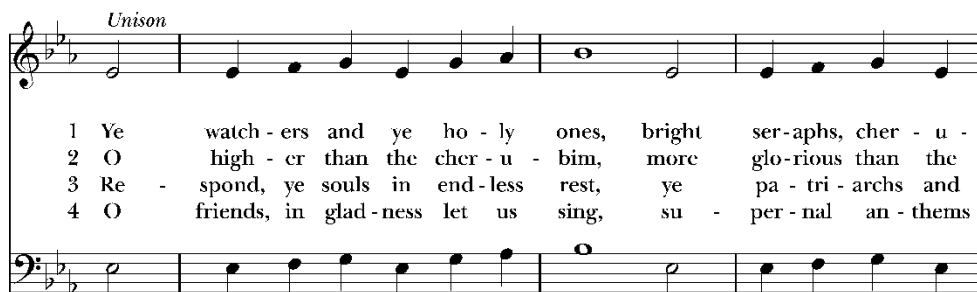
**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### The Hymnal 1982 #618

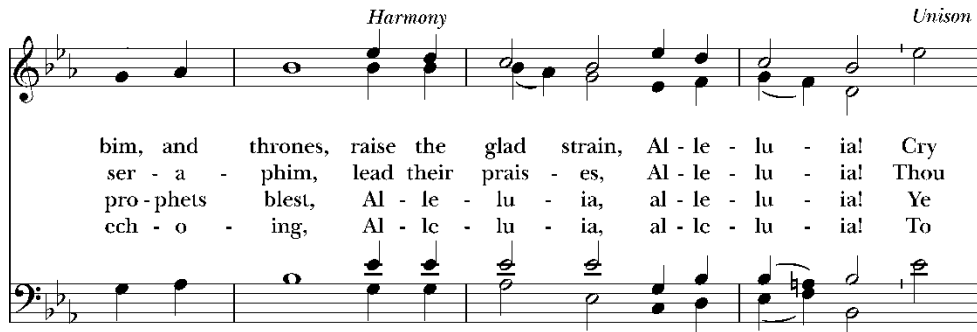
Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*Unison*

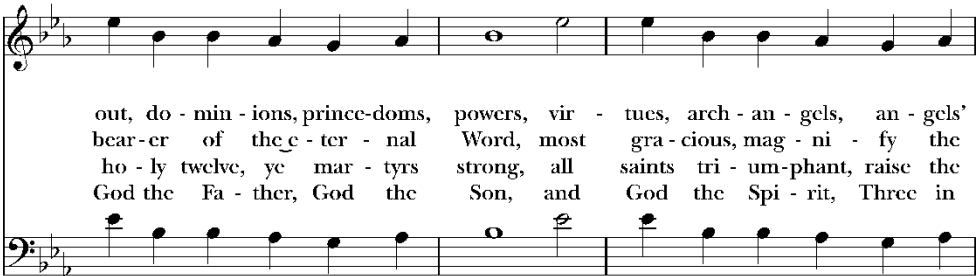


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To




out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear-er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um-phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Paean

Moore



## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name, please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

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Mary Persinger

Penelope Seiss

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*If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**THE BIBLE CHALLENGE: Read the Bible in a Year** - Journey with us as we read the Bible in a year with reflections, questions, and a prayer. for each day. There are many ways you can participate, speak with one of the clergy for more information.

### **NURSERY Service Opportunity – Sunday mornings 8am to 12pm**

While there is a paid staff person for the nursery, there is a need for a second leader. If you are interested, or your teen is interested in being on the volunteer nursery rotation please email Mo. Shivaun

**NEW: KIDS WORSHIP CHALLENGE: EACH SUNDAY**, we will be offering 3 questions for children 13 and under to answer. If they give their answer to any church staff member, they can earn a little treat. Questions change weekly.

This Sunday's questions: What do the ribbons on the altar rail represent? Where is Père Sock Monkey hiding? Who is a saint?

### **EPISCOPAL 101 AND 201 CLASSES EACH MONTH**

The second Sunday of each month we will host a class about various aspects of the Episcopal Church and Faith in two parts. The first hour is for those new to the subject, the second for those a little more informed. These classes are open to anyone, and, also when taken across the course of the year, are our confirmation preparation classes.

The next classes of this series will be November 12<sup>th</sup>, on the topic of Christian History

101 at 2:30pm: Intro to Christian History - 10,000-year overview.

201 at 3:30pm Christian History – The devil in the details

Please RSVP to Mo. Shivaun+ so she can plan accordingly.

**Wednesday, November 8 @ 7pm Bible Challenge Potluck Discussion Dinner,** speak with Deacon Nancy or Fr. Henry for location.

#### **MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY**

##### **Meeting on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

MMS will be making “We care Packages” for students away at college as well as assembling Welcome Bags for first time visitors to St. John’s on Tuesday, **November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Meeting Room.** All women of St. John’s are invited and welcome to join the meeting.

**WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S** - All women are invited to join the women of St. John’s (Monday Mission Society) for an evening, a month, a season, or forever. The group meets online for prayer and monthly in-person for fellowship and service. The MMS community gathers every Monday night at 7pm on Zoom to pray for the needs and joys of parishioners, friends, and family. The ZOOM link can be found the Friday’s Bell Tower. Join us and/or send your prayer requests to [mms@stjec.org](mailto:mms@stjec.org). On a monthly basis, MMS gathers in person for fellowship and to share in a missional activity.

Please join MMS in the Meeting Room of the church on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to make ‘We Care’ packages for college students, assemble “Welcome Bags” for newcomers to St John’s and for fellowship. All women of St. John’s are welcome. Questions? Please contact Deacon Nancy.

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm Casserole Club** meets in the parish hall. This group offers support and prayers for those who have experienced loss.

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm - Thanksgiving Evening Prayer followed by Thanksgiving Tea and Pie Auction**

Join us for a brief Thanksgiving inspired worship filled with music and prayer to pause and reflect with gratitude on all the blessings of God. Then celebrate in the parish hall, with a pie auction, sandwiches, and other sweet treats. Join in the fun with some party games and some gratitude-inspired crafts. Consider bidding on a pie for your holiday festivities.

Bring a pie to auction and/or snacks/sweet treats to share. Church will provide sandwiches, hot tea, lemonade, and water.



## CONSTRUCTION & WHAT'S TO COME

Here's what we have to look forward to following the construction—

- The Solarium entrance will be redesigned to reflect an equality among all users and will be ADA compliant. Whether using the stairs of the ramp, everyone will enter and exit within the same space.
- One of the doors will be equipped with a push button for automatic opening to provide easy access
- The threshold in and out of the doors will be level with an expanded landing area
- The kitchen entrance is being rebuilt in similar configuration but with proper rise and run for the stairs and appropriate railings.
- There will also be an awning roof installed above the doorway defining the entrance while shielding from rain and snow.

These changes are being done both for safety as well as to provide welcoming entrances to St. John's facilities.



CRY OUT! CRY OUT!

O GOD, WHAT SHALL WE CRY?

CRY OUT FOR JUSTICE, CRY OUT FOR LOVE.

CRY OUT FOR HOPE, CRY OUT FOR MERCY.

CRY OUT FOR KINDNESS, CRY OUT FOR COMPASSION.

LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH, CRY OUT!

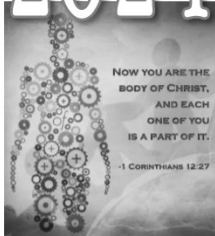
WHAT SHALL WE CRY?

CRY OUT FOR PEACE! AMEN.



Bishop Deon K. Johnson

# 2024



## "Knee-Deep in it with GOD"

Your gift to God, in support of the ministries of St. John's can be offered:

- Online at: [www.stjec.org/give](http://www.stjec.org/give)
- In the Collection Plate on Sunday
- By mail to: St. John's Episcopal Church - Attn: Stewardship  
PO Box 187  
Olney, MD 20832

Having prayed about the covenant with God to love God and love our neighbor, I/We are prepared to celebrate every day as a gift and support the community and ministries of St. John's.

God willing, our annual contribution to St. John's will be:

\$

*January 1 to December 31, 2024*

### THANK YOU

For your commitment.

You will be sent a letter confirming your pledge in December.

Pledge and Contribution Statements for tax use can be downloaded and printed through the Servant Keeper Online Directory portal OR you may request the statement by emailing [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org) after January 30th.

Mail your completed pledge certificate to:

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or place in the collection plate on Sunday.

You may also pledge on line at  
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BY: ☐ On-Line Giving      ☐ Offering Plate / Mail

☐ I/We are interested in making a separate gift (in addition to the annual support listed above) to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please have the Rector contact me about having this conversation.

☐ I/We are interested in receiving information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will or living will etc.) Please contact me/us about this by sending literature which will help to inform my/our planning.

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