



THE TWENTIETH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
OCTOBER 26, 2025
10:00 AM

A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this beautiful day. If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better; so please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and place in the offering plate.

There is no wrong way to worship. The people's responses are in bold and instructions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are in italics. We invite you to participate in the way that feels most comfortable and authentic to you.

Prelude

Prelude on Converse

John Barr

The Word of God

Hymn 460, verses 1-5

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

Sung by all.

Hyfrydol

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Sung by all.

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

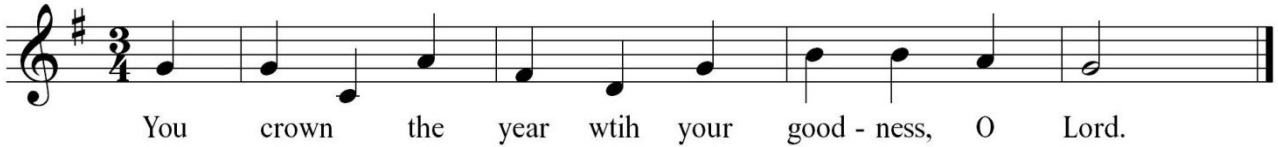
³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

Antiphon sung by all



¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

Antiphon

⁴Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *

O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

Antiphon

⁶You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Antiphon

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹²You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Antiphon

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 641, verse 1 (choir only) & 2 (all)

Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

⁹Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 641, verses 3&4

Lord Jesus, think on me

Sung by all.

Southwell

The Sermon

The people stand as able

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant	Let us cry out to God for peace and a time of healing.
Leader	For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Susan, our bishop, for our parish clergy; for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For Donald, our President, Glenn our Governor, and our local governemtn; for all those seeking elective office; for mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For orphans and widows, the sick and the suffering, travelers and strangers, and all with heavy burdens.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, we pray.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People	Hear our prayer.
Lector	Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others, silently or aloud. <i>Pause.</i>
Celebrant	God of sinners, hear the prayers we offer this day, rescue us from every evil, and save us for your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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.

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we now prepare ourselves for the gift of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, both in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Here at St. John's, it is tradition that people stand as the elements are brought forward and are seated once the bread and wine are on the altar.

Offertory Anthem

Drop, drop, slow tears

Orlando Gibbons

Doxology

Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Sung by all.

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Sanctus

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

Hea - ven and earth are full _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes _____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand as 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.

Celebrant 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 our 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 forever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People **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 Fraction Anthem

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
And I will raise — them up, and I will raise — them up, and I will
raise — them up — on the last — day.

Invitation to Communion

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. While we believe that it is most meaningful when done as a baptized Christian, no one will ever be turned away from God's table.

Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Closing Hymn 636, verses 1-4

How firm a foundation

Sung by all.

Foundation

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God; Alleluia, alleluia!**

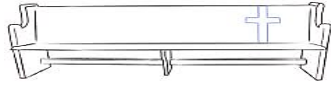
The Postlude

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NEWS FOR THE PEWS

October 26, 2025



Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where YOU can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S		
Sun., Oct. 26	8 & 10 AM 9 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum NO Coffee Hour Hillier Memorial Service
Mon., Oct. 27	7 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., Oct. 28	3 PM 7 PM	Outreach Meeting AA/Al-Anon
Wed., Oct. 29	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sat., Nov., 1	4:30 PM	Family Time in the Gardens
Sun., Nov., 2	8 & 10 AM 9 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Fellowship Coffee Hour and Birthday Sunday

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God in memory of Mary Smith's family who tragically lost their battle with ALS; Mary Eugenia B. Graham, mother, Kathryn Crayton, sister and brother Tip Graham.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

1 Claire Marsh 3 Kent Horner, Jr.
 4 Gene Thompson 6 Jim Kalanges
 9 Rixey Elizabeth Sheridan 13 Hunter Johnson
 14 Pat Dvorak, Charles Daugharthy
 15 Rev. Mary Margaret Winn 18 Kitty Wells
 19 Mary Smith 20 Jacob Courington
 28 Ken Lewis 31 Katherine Heath, Tilden Mueller

If our name should be included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2026

Pledge cards will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks. Feel free to yours in the offering plate or you can pick up an envelope in the narthex or outside the

church office. We thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee will be collecting hygiene supplies for our CCPS school-aged children. Mardi Bras has notified us that there is a great need. There will be an empty bin in the church lobby. Items to include are: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, etc. Thank you to all for your continued support.

The **2025 Meal Package** Contents are listed below. Please bring your donations to the church office beginning October 20th through November 16th. Please bring items in brown grocery bags as in years past. Thank you for your continued support of this initiative. Please contact **Tamara Evans** if you have any questions. Thank you.



2025 Meal Gift Package Contents

1 – 40 oz. can of yams/sweet potatoes
1 – 13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
1 – 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
2 – 15 oz. cans of corn
2 – 15 oz. cans of green vegetables
2 - boxes of Stove Top – no bags
2 – cans/packages of gravy – no glass jars
1 – box of hot chocolate
1 – box of regular flavor tea bags
1 – large box or box of cookies
1 - \$20 Grocery Gift Card

ANIMAL SHELTER

Don't forget to check your closets for any old towels or small blankets for the Chesterfield Animal Shelter. Please place your donations in the bin outside the office. Many thanks, Sue Whiteman

Don't forget the tennis balls for the choir loft



PARISH LIFE

The date for the Annual Oyster Roast is November 8th from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. **Tickets have arrived.** We have 150 tickets available for purchase. Be sure to stop by the church office to pick up your bundle of 10 to sell. Price per ticket has remained the same as last year at \$35/per person, children under the age of 12 are free.

We will again have outside activities, weather permitting: Corn Hole, Connect Four, etc. Door prizes will be awarded so be sure to retain your ticket stub in order to be eligible. This event is always such loads of fun for all. Share it with family and friends.

MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Gini DiStanislao, the Rector at Manakin Episcopal has invited all to their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 22 from 10 am until 3 pm. There will be artisans, crafters, DIY, Christmas Ornaments, Wreaths, Jewelry, Gourmet Cookies, Candles, Quilting projects and Artwork. 10% of all sales go to Outreach activities. It is a great opportunity to Christmas shop!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Al Day (Chris Day's brother),
Kim Gentry (Father Keith's brother).
Quinten Sierra, Rosa Maria Julia Barrientos
(Mauricio's Mother), Cathy Frazer,
The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family,
Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan,
Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,
Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,
Thomas Gardner, Webster and Joy Maughan,
Vienna Grace Cale, The Cale Family,
The Macri Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio,
Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus,
Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields,
Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs,
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and
Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter,
Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

In God's Eternal Keeping

Betty Germiller
(The Germiller Family)
Dr. Virginia Cherry
Patricia Frazer
Dr. Joe Hillier

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson



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Participating in Today's Liturgy October 26, 2025

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Music Director
Bryant Watson, Violinist

Cantor, Mike Phaup
Chris Day, Live Streaming
8:00 am Guy Smith, Security
10:00 am, Hank Dvorak, Inside Security
Jay Ellington, Outside Security

(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kent Horner
10:00 am – Sadie Morgan

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson – Liz Pectal
2nd Lesson – Hazel Sloane

Lectors: 10:00 am

1st Lesson – Lin Corbin-Howerton
2nd Lesson – Ruby DiVittorio
Leshem Peiris - Acolyte
Ruby DiVittorio & Jan Keavy - Ushers
Pat Dvorak & Dick Pitman - Tellers
Sally Maxwell & Donna Horner - Altar Guild
Terry Fields - Flowers

St. John's Vestry

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John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
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