



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 17, 2024 ~ 10am**

**Prelude**

**Entrance Hymn**     #48 ~ *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God Triune.

This day at the creation, the light first had its birth;  
this day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.

This day, God's people meeting, his Holy Scripture hear;  
his living presence greeting, through Bread and Wine made near.  
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,  
from grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,  
at length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the Church her voice upraises to thee, blest Three in One.

## Opening Words

Walk in Love, as Christ has loved us

*Ephesians 5:2*

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.*

## The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Old Testament

[1 Samuel 1:4-20](#)

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and

remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

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

The Psalm *(Let us read it responsively)*

### **Psalm 16**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."  
2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \***  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**  
3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.  
4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, \***  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**  
5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \***  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 **I have set the Lord always before me; \***  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave, \***  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia (3x)**

**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.**

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### The Gospel

#### Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

### The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

### 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 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.

### Prayers of the People

#### Walk in Love: Prayers of the People for Stewardship Season

*Leader:* As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. We pray particularly for our church community at St. John's. As Christ loved us,  
*We walk in love.*

*Leader:* I bid your prayers for our country and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of goodwill. We pray for those recently elected to public office, and for leaders who serve with compassion and justice. As Christ loved us,  
*We walk in love.*

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. We pray for all who enter this place seeking encouragement, love, and peace. As Christ loved us,  
*We walk in love.*

*Leader:* I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and who we name now either silently or aloud... Elin Babin, Ron, Paul Brophy, Maureen Burke, Norma Cahill, Francine Carroll, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Sue Croft,

Don DiGiacomo, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Jerica Hamre, Will Hare, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Larry Kamp & Family, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Melissa McSheffery, Matt, Lori, Mary & Dante, Bobby Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Jonelle Moloney, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Carol Patroli, Bill Pimentel, Kathy Pothier, Keelan Pothier, Shirley Raithel, Debbie Rossetti, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Dom Tello, Joanie Tello, Jill Vaccaro & Family, Viviana, Kathy Webber, Nancy White, Walter, Lizzi, and Rachel. *Are there others...*

As Christ loved us,

***We walk in love.***

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those named now with our lips, or in our hearts. *silence* As Christ loved us,

***We walk in love.***

*Leader:* I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. *silence* May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church. As Christ loved us,

***We walk in love.***

*Officiant:* Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. *Amen.*

### Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive.

**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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

Invitation for offering

The Lord has blessed us richly. Let us give cheerfully what we have for the upkeep and uplift of God's Kingdom.

## The Holy Communion

### Prayer over the Gifts

Creator God, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbors, walking in love as you have walked with us. *Amen*

Offertory Hymn              *Heaven Shall not Wait (insert)*

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:  
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:  
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege –  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:  
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;  
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:  
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;  
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 (vs. 3 only)

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.  
**Amen.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Officiant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Officiant:* It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

#S130 ~ *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

**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.**

*Officiant:* Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Officiant:* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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

### Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*Officiant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

### Distribution of Communion

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

**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

### Closing Hymn

#544 ~ *Jesus Shall Reign* (verses 1-3 & 5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretched from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown on his head:  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
shall dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his Name.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

### Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
People **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### Postlude

### Announcements/Reminders

#### Reminder - Fair Donations

Contributions for our **December 7th Christmas & Craft Fair** are now being accepting during the week (Tuesday – Friday, 9am–1pm) or after church on Sundays. Items for the indoor yard sale, raffle gift baskets, or jewelry table are greatly appreciated!

#### Counting

We will be counting on the 24th this month; kindly forward all memorials, donations, etc. beforehand. Thank you!

#### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Sandy Mears, Worship Leader ~ Joanne Lancaster, L.E.M.

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