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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sparish.net/newcomer

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 680 O God, our help in ages past All stand and sing.

St. Anne

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE Glory to you





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.

THE WORD OF GOD

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 23:1–9, 16–17

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:1–15

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon where indicated.



- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12–16

he word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams *All stand and sing.*

MARTYRDOM

THE GOSPEL Mark 10:17–31

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

s Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Walter McKenney

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people say the words in **bold**.

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

We pray for the church, that we might show forth our faith in action, regard all with impartiality, and be quick to listen and slow to anger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for our nation, especially in this election year, that whenever trials may befall us, God may grant us endurance, understanding, and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the world, that those who are persecuted and excluded may be raised up, and that mercy may fall on us all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for the sick, the injured, the vulnerable, and those undergoing all forms of adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they will be healed and comforted. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering because of war and natural disaster, remembering especially those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, famine in South Sudan, and cycles of violence in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for our search for a new music director, that God will grant us wisdom, faithfulness, patience, and joy, and that we may hear God's voice in all our deliberations as we seek a faithful director who will nurture our music ministry and further God's mission at St. John's. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In remembrance of Indigenous People's Day tomorrow, we pray for greater understanding, humility, and compassion as we examine our nation's relationship with the original inhabitants of this land, and seek healing for the wounds of the past and present. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Joanna Jones, that they would draw near to God, and that God would draw near to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All remain standing or kneel.

All 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.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Text: William Cowper (1731–1800), found at Hymn 683

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.



Sir Charles Villiers Stanford was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. In 1882, aged 29, he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. He was also professor of music at Cambridge. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. As a conductor,

Stanford held posts with the Bach Choir and the Leeds Triennial Music Festival. Stanford composed a substantial number of concert works, including seven symphonies, but his best-remembered pieces are his choral works for church performance, chiefly composed in the Anglican tradition.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

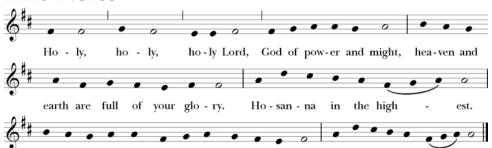
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

THE SANCTUS



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Setting: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

All remain standing or kneel.

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.

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 children; 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**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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,

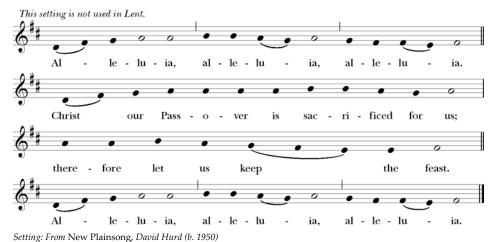
and the power,

and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.





David Hurd was professor of sacred music and director of chapel music at the General Theological Seminary, Chelsea, New York City, for 39 years. He is presently the director of music at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in Times Square, New York City. Hurd's sacred compositions can be found in many hymnals, including the Episcopal Hymnal 1982. In September 2021, he was featured at St. John's in a concert celebrating the 25th birthday of our Austin pipe organ.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Come God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know. If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteers, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Cast thy burden upon the Lord from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) Text: Julius Schubring (1806–1889); adapted from the Psalms

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.

He never will suffer the righteous to fall.

He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heav'ns. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

All remain seated and sing.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

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

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 594 God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Improvisation on Cwm Rhondda

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Preacher:** The Reverend Walter McKenney **Seminarian Intern:** Robin Brown

Layreader: Jo Anne Burgh
Psalterer: Tema Silk

The St. John's Adult Choir Organist & Choirmaster: Walden Moore

Acolytes: Jamie Baker, Eden Baker, Danielle Branco Ushers: Geoff Emerick, Ross Hatch, Enid Oberholtzer

Livestream Operator: Mary Honyotski **Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Buffy Ineson **Healing Prayer Minister:** Dave Grimaldi

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Audrey Baker, Todd FitzGerald

Join us for coffee hour in Hubbard Hall after the service!

This Sunday, food is provided by those with last names starting G through L. Next Sunday, food will be provided by those with last names starting M through R.



In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Brad Babbitt	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Virginia Skeele	Whitney Lynch	Joyce Flynn	Joseph
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Rachel Boccio	Sarah Carroll
John & Barbara Spannaus	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Greg Highland
Jennifer Blean	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Rachel
Hale Walkoff	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Lucas
Rod Farrell	Jeff Lewis	G.F.	Amy Bittinger
Hillary Lord	Miranda	Ned	William Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Allison and Family	Roger	Mike
Nick Willke	Linda	Rich Lammlin	Rick
Wayne Gollenburg	Jacob Latranica	Daniel Zoltan	Richard Myers
Uncle Rich Alpin	Ginny Flinchbaugh	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	Carol
Tracie O'Brien	Tom Tata	John Scott	Paul Thaxton
Naya	Timothy Foga	Savanna D.	Frank Higginbotham
Dan Minster	Miriam Myers	Mindy	Todd

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nathan Kilelee Ben Flynn Merrilee Leonhardt Christine Babbitt Danielle Branco Bess Amamoo Ned Byrd Stephen Crocker

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Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Dale & Christoph Stretz John Nowacki & Don Polk

Please also join us in praying and giving thanks for choir member Michael Mei and his partner Abraham Neben, who are getting married today, October 13, 2024.

Those who have died:

Joanna Jones, sister of Shirley Blean

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington; and for young adults, young adult ministries and networks, The Episcopal Service Corps, and the Young Adult Service Corps of The Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Join us every Wednesday for a spoken service of Holy Eucharist in the chancel (the front of the church where the altar is). This brief service is a welcome opportunity to pause and worship during the busy week.

Chili Cook-off, Friday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Parishioners of all ages — and friends! — are welcome to this free event. Try one of our chili cook's special recipes and vote for your favorite! If you'd like to contribute chili, contact Stewart Murchie at murchgs@comcast.net. Otherwise, please bring a salad, side, or dessert if you are able. Beverages will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee as a way to gather the community together and celebrate the ministries we share that are supported by your pledges.

November book group discussions, November 3 at 12 noon (in-person) or November 7 at 7 p.m. (in **Zoom).** The November book is *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. We have three copies available in the parish office on a first-come, first-served basis.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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