



# St. John's Episcopal Church

*A place to discover connections with God and one another in Christ*

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*Thanksgiving Day*

HOLY EUCHARIST

November 27, 2025

10:00 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. We're glad you're here!



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Gymnopédie No. 1

Eric Satie (1866–1925)

arr. Ted Babbitt

THE OPENING HYMN 290 Come, ye thankful people, come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

*All stand and sing.*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Deuteronomy 26:1–11**All sit.*

**W**hen you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 100**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 **For the Lord is good;**  
**his mercy is everlasting; \***  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Philippians 4:4–9*

**R**ejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 433    We gather together

KREMSER

*All stand and sing.*

THE GOSPEL

*John 6:25–35*

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

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

**W**hen the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

*Minister*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Todd FitzGerald

*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,**  
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. For the splendor of creation, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love, **we thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, **we thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families and friends, **we thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ, **we thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, **we thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, **we thank you, Lord.**

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us, **we thank you, Lord.**

For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone, **we thank you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may give thanks to you in all things, in all places, and at all times. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)  
BuxWV 199

## 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 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All remain standing or kneel.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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 CLOSING HYMN 397 Now thank we all our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

THE VOLUNTARY Praise: Now Thank We All Our God

Robert Edward Smith (b. 1946)

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Seminarian:** Katherine Leary

**Layreader:** Jeff Verney

**Organist:** Ted Babbitt

**Altar Guild:** Buffy Ineson

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist

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