



# Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God, not on the “right” way to do things, because there is no “right” way.
- If you are joining us on Zoom, please remain muted for the duration of the service unless you have a speaking role. All are welcome to unmute themselves during announcements.
- Above all, ask questions either in-person or through Zoom's chat feature, if you have them. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

*We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The service begins with three chimes of a bell, followed by the announcement of the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN – 574** (*standing, as able*)

**BEFORE THY THRONE, O GOD, WE KNEEL**

*William Boyd Carpenter*

- 1      **Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.**
  
- 2      **Search out our hearts and make us true;  
help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
wean us and train us with thy rod;  
teach us to know our faults, O God.**
  
- 3      **For sins of heedless word and deed,  
for pride ambitious to succeed,  
for crafty trade and subtle snare  
to catch the simple unaware,  
for lives bereft of purpose high,  
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.**
  
- 4      **Let the fierce fires which burn and try,  
our inmost spirits purify:  
consume the ill; purge out the shame;  
O God, be with us in the flame;  
a new-born people may we rise,  
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

*People* **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 17:8-16** (*seated*)

*Reader* A reading from the First book of Kings.

The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146** (*seated*)

*Leader* Let us read Psalm 146 responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \***  
**for there is no help in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \***  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \***  
**and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 **“Who is this King of glory?” \***  
**“The Lord, strong and mighty,**  
**the Lord, mighty in battle.”**
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 9:24-28** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from the letter of Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44** (*standing, as able*)

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON** (*seated*)

*The Rev. Christopher Richardson*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing, as able*)

**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, FORM VI** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Officiant* For all people in their daily life and works;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Officiant* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Officiant* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Officiant* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Officiant* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Officiant* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, and Kristin, Ken, Nedi, and Wendell, our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

*Officiant* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Prayers are requested for The Alcott Family, Mary Becht, Alyanna Bergunzi, Jason Bowman, Susan Bush, the Correa family, Jenny Coss, Sue Craig, Herndon Cummings, Maureen Cunnigham, Aaron Devilbiss, Katrina Filmore, Darrell Forren, Kim French, Steve Gorup, Brenda Groff, Gary Jewell, Bonnie Kettell, John Kissel, Laura Kreitemeyer, Christina Lampron, Kevin Lewis, Linda Lyons, Angyl Mellon, Charlotte Neeshan, Marian Peeler, Taryn Rapp and family, David Richards, Christopher Richardson, Nadya Richardson, Kari Riley, Jamie Roberts, Rodger Silvia, Charles Spissu, Dale Van Bibber, Suzan Waller, Mike and Sue Whitaker, Keller, Monica, and all of the people across the world affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Officiant* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Officiant* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and for Street Church this week.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgiving.*

*Officiant* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Officiant* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Officiant* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Officiant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**PEACE** (*standing, as able*)

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*seated*)

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** (*seated*)

*Officiant*        Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY HYMN – LEVAS 111**

**COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

*Robert Robinson*

1    **Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, O fix me on it.  
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

2    **Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Surely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to save my soul from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.**

3    **O, to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above**

**DOXOLOGY** (*standing, as able*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures, high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**



# The Holy Communion

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1** (*standing, as able*)

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(standing or kneeling, as able)*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*        Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People*            **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant*        We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People*            **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**EUCCHARISTIC HYMN – 707** (*seated*)

**TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

*Francis Ridley Havergal*

- 1      **Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**
  
- 2      **Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*People*          **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant*      The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People*          **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN – 656** (*standing, as able*)

**BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART**

*William John Hall*

- 1 **Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**
  
- 2 **The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King;**
  
- 3 **he to the lowly soul  
will still himself impart  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
will choose the pure in heart.**
  
- 4 **Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.**

**DISMISSAL** (*standing, as able*)

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*         **Thanks be to God!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- All are invited to join us in our meeting room following the service for coffee and fellowship.
- Mission Council meeting is today at 11 a.m., directly after the morning service.
- Please review the names in the prayer list. If you requested prayers for someone and the circumstances have changed, please email Sam, and let her know so that she can update the prayer list.
- You can now enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. This is a way to raise funds for St. John's simply by shopping at Kroger. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Sam at [stadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org](mailto:stadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org).
- Street Church meets at the PNC on the corner of Central and Broad on Sundays at 1 p.m.
- If you know anyone in assisted care, please reach out to us! We would love to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mission Statement:**

*St. John's is a body of Christians, where all are welcome, giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.*

**Vision Statement:**

*St. John's envisions a world of equity, peace, and compassion. At St. John's you can be yourself, while experiencing God's love, without fear of judgment.*

**Who We Are:**

St. John's was founded in 1873 as a neighborhood mission and continues to strive to be fully engaged in the Franklinton community through worship, service, and relationships. We do not do outreach; everything we do reaches out into the larger community and invites the community into the life of the congregation.

