



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
10:00 am — November 27, 2025

WELCOME



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Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

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Thanksgiving Day — Year C

PRELUDE Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness 1911-2000

INTROIT

Iain Quinn b. 1973

The earth is the Lord's for he made it; Come let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever; Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 290



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home:
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;



come to God's own tem - ple come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
grant, O har - vest Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er more.
come, with all thine an - gels come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871); Music: St. George's, Windsor, George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

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

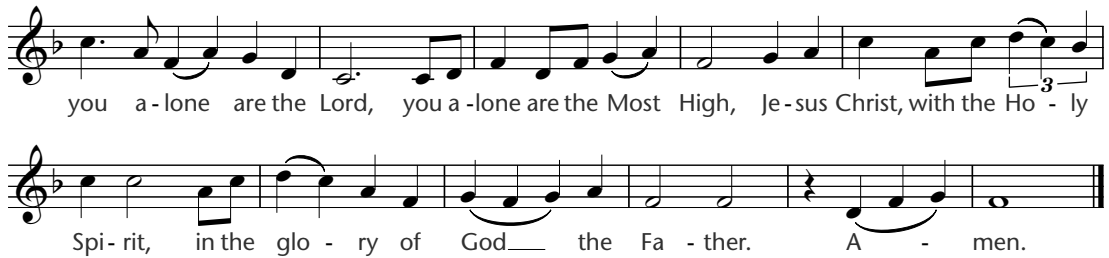
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace__ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty-y__ God and
Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025). rev.

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. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

⁵“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 100 *(sung by the choir)*

setting by Ivor Algernon Atkins 1869-1953

- ¹ O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands:
 serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- ² Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;
 it is he that hath made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
 be thankful unto him, and bless his holy Name.
- ⁴ For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
 and his faithfulness endureth from generation to generation.

Hymn 433 *Congregation stands.*

1 We ga - ther to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
 he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.
 the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:
 sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625, tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934); Music: Kremser from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626, arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914).

The Gospel

John 6:25-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²⁵When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives

you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Louise Samuelson

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*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.*

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

BCP 836

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

People: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Congregation kneels.*

BCP 360

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

Silence may be kept.

*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 *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✠ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✠ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

Cecil Effinger 1914-1990

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress,
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.

Congregation stands and joins verse 4

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

Text: Katherine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3)

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. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him 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:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Congregation kneels.

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:

Celebrant and People:

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 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.

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

People and Celebrant:

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 S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ_ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri -ficed for us; there-fore let us keep_ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

- ✠ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✠ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✠ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✠ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*

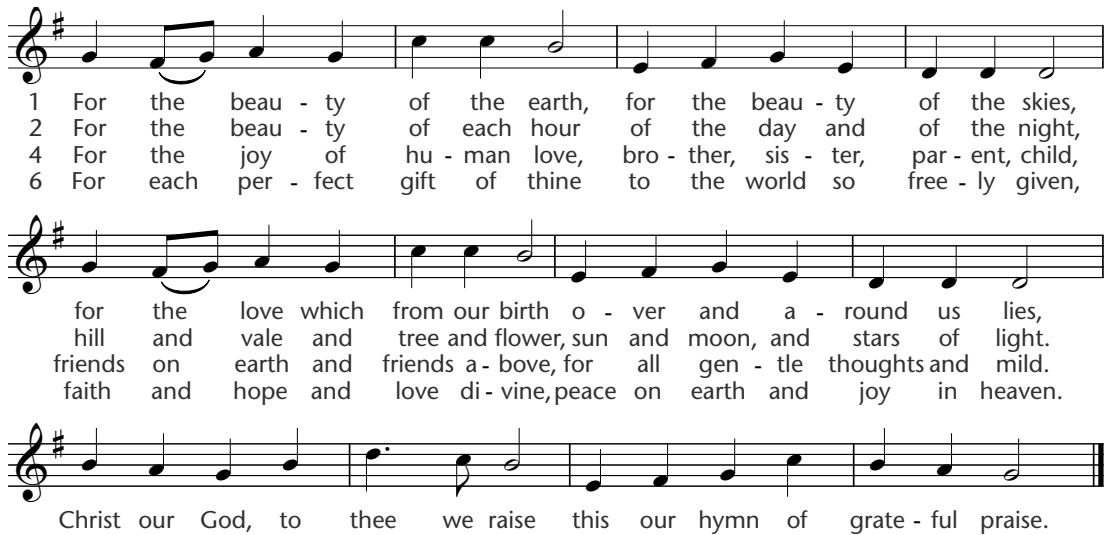
Anthem

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

Ave verum corpus,	<i>Hail, true Body,</i>
natum de Maria Virgine,	<i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i>
vere passum, immolatum	<i>who having truly suffered, was sacrificed</i>
in cruce pro homine,	<i>on the cross for mankind,</i>
cuius latus perforatum fluxit	<i>whose pierced side flowed</i>
aqua et sanguine:	<i>with water and blood:</i>
esto nobis praegustatum	<i>May it be for us a foretaste</i>
in mortis examine.	<i>in the trial of death.</i>

Text: 14th Century Latin hymn, attrib. Pope Innocent, VI

Hymn 416



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 6 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild.
 faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917); Music: alt. tune, *Dix*, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872).

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

National Anthem

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 397



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933

Tetsuya Lawson, *trumpet*
Christina Carroll, *timpani*

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