

Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist: Rite II November 23, 2023 10 a.m.

# Welcome to St. John's!

Please remember to leave your anxieties in the rack provided. Light a candle.

Listen to the organ even if it isn't playing

Make room for something unexpected to speak.

Find a seat and sit for a while. The people who came before are here beside you.

If you are very quiet you might even hear angels playing their instruments up there on the ceiling.

Let your eyes walk through a glass garden. All of these colors are born from one light.

Taste the silence. Many varieties are available – take a sip of each one.

Take it with you when you go.

(Andrew Rudd, Manchester cathedral poet in residence, June 2018.)

#### **Preparation for Worship**

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

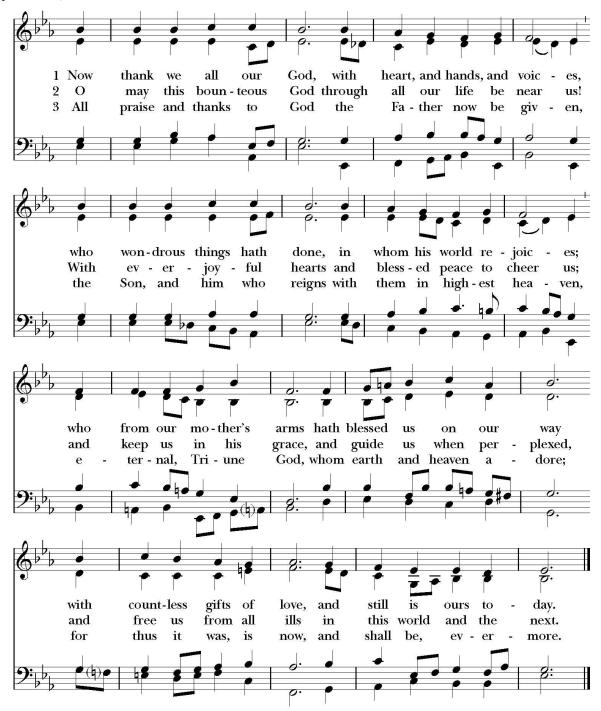
The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

Voluntary

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Justin Knecht

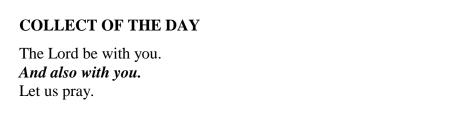
Hymn 397, "Now thank we all our God"



### Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355 And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.

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.* 

Setting: Robert Powell Gloria in excelsis 1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly peace to his peo - ple on God and Fa ther, we wor - ship you, we al - might - y King, • praise you 3. Lord Je - sus give for your glo ry. you thanks, we Lamb of God, 4. you Fa - ther, Lord God, Christ, on - ly Son of the of the world: have cy take a · way the sin mer right hand of the Fa - ther: re the us; 5. you are seat - ed at on prayer. 6. For Ho - ly a - lone are the One, ceive you our 7. you a - lone are the Most the Lord, a · lone are you



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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

#### **Deuteronomy 8:7-18**

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Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am

commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions.

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He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own

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hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is

## Psalm 65

doing today.

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

## Recited responsively by half verse

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * <i>to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.</i>	Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *	
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * <i>because of their transgressions.</i> Our sins are stronger than we are, *	<i>you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.</i> You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *	
but you will blot them out.	the river of God is full of water.	
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *	You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.	
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.	You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *	
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *	with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.	
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.	You crown the year with your goodness, * <i>and your paths overflow with plenty.</i>	
You make fast the mountains by your power; * <i>they are girded about with might.</i>	May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *	
You still the roaring of the seas, *	and the hills be clothed with joy.	
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.	May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * <i>let them shout for joy and sing.</i>	

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for

God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

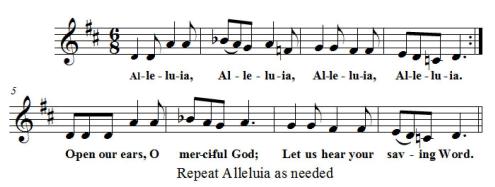
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this

ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

#### **Gospel Alleluia**

All stand, as able



### Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.* 

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated

himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

## THE SERMON

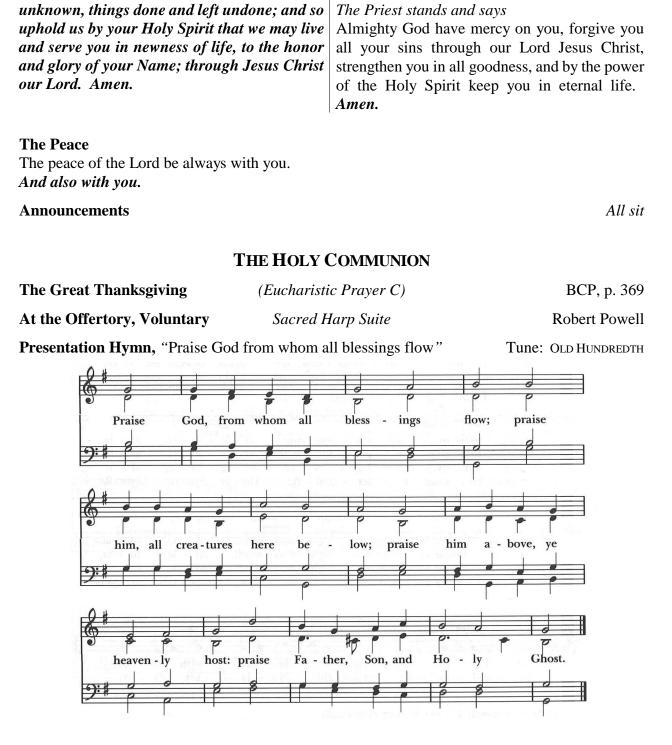
The Nicene Creed

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.

<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b> All knee	l, as able Litany of Thanksgiving, BCP, p. 837
Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.	For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. <i>We thank you, Lord.</i>	<i>We thank you, Lord.</i> For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,	We thank you, Lord. For the communion of saints, in all times and
We thank you, Lord.	places, We thank you, Lord.
For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, <i>We thank you, Lord.</i>	Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus
For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,	our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. <i>Amen.</i>
We thank you, Lord.	
For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, <i>We thank you, Lord.</i>	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. <i>Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in</i> <i>your compassion forgive us our sins, known and</i>



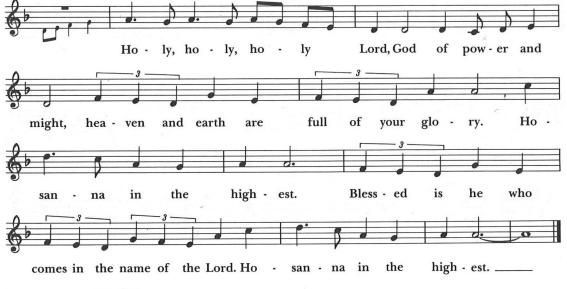
All things come of Thee, O Lord.	human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,
And of Thine own have we given Thee.	and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.
The Lord be with you. And also with you.	But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. <i>Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your</i>
Lift up your hearts.	sight.
We lift them to the Lord.	Again and again, you called us to return.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Through prophets and sages you revealed your
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. <i>Glory to you for ever and ever.</i>	sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. By his blood, he reconciled us.
At your command all things came to be: the vast	By his wounds, we are healed.
expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.	And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with

From the primal elements you brought forth the

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-129

Setting: Robert Powell

them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Please kneel. as able And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in Deliver us from the the world about us. presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

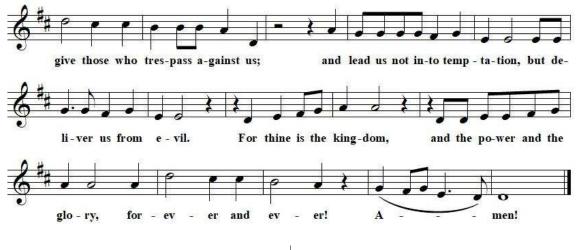
## Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

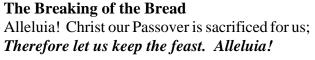
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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



**The Lord's Prayer** 





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.

The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

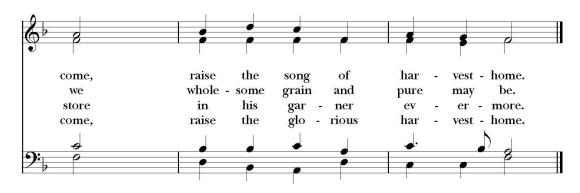
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The Postcommunion Prayer	All kneel, as able	BCP, p. 366

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 Blessing

Hymn 290, "Come, ye thankful people, come"





#### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

Voluntary

Improvisation on St. George's WINDSOR

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#### THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

During the darkest days of the Thirty Years' War, Lutheran Pastor Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) could still write a table grace expressing thanks for God's gifts in the past, praying for guidance for the future, and ending with a majestic outburst of worship and praise to the Triune God. His text, translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), as "Now Thank We All Our God" is a perennial favorite both for this wonderful text and for the stalwart German chorale tune to which it is sung. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.)

Justin Heinrich Knecht's (1752-1817) setting of the tune titled NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT is very much a product of his time, with the tune nearly obscured by elaborate ornamentation. Just about every composer of his era composed a setting of this widely-known-and-used tune.

Robert Powell's (composer of this morning's *Gloria* and *Sanctus*) *Sacred Harp Suite* uses the tune DETROIT (674 in our *Hymnal 1982*) which was originally sung with the text "Do I not love Thee, O my Lord".

"Come, ye thankful people, come" is almost always included in Thanksgiving liturgies but in actuality the harvest time to which it refers is about final judgment when the good grain will be garnered and the tares thrown into the fire. It is based on Mark 4:26-29 and Matthew 13:36-43. Our prayer is that we will be wholesome and pure grain at the final day of testing. C. S. Lang's wonderfully singable tune is entitled ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, the name of the chapel at Britain's Windsor Castle.

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**VISITORS AND GUESTS:** Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

**SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!** Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

**ADULT AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**. The Adults will continue our study of the epistles of Peter in the Parish Hall.

The Youth will meet in the chapel.

**TGIF:** Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. NO TGIF Nov. 24.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE. We will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" with ornaments suggesting a particular gift. Almost 3,000 new toys are needed for the over 900 children served by the ten partnering organizations. The "Giving Tree" ornaments will be available at coffee hour. The last day to drop off gifts at St. John's is **November 26**. For those who are not attending church in person, please consider donating toys via their online gift registries: go to stjohnsmlb.org, point to About and click on Gifts from the Heart. If you wish to donate cash or a check, please make the check payable to "Family Promise of Brevard" and write "GFTH" in the memo line. Thank you for your support and generosity!

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Nov 19	Nov 23	Nov 26
Greeters	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks	A. Weeks S. Davidson
Ushers	J. & J. McLaughlin	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. & S. Hamilton
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton	K. Oas
Altar Gld	M. Salmon	TBD	D. Miller- Caldwell
Daughter	J. Miller		T. Chernault
Counter	K. Wilson		K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**DAILY BREAD:** If you can help serve please contact the office or Jackie Bond. The next service day is Dec 7.

**St. JOHN'S OUTREACH Focus** for November is Daily Bread. Daily Bread is a ministry well known to the people of St. John's as we already provide a team to serve lunch the first Thursday of each month. Daily Bread provides their clients with a hot meal, showers and clean clothes, assists with restoring identities, job searches, healthcare and so much more. Visit dailybreadinc.org to learn more.

**DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE!** You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Office closed Nov. 23 - 24.

Thurs (11/23) Thanksgiving Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

- Fri (11/24) NO TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (11/26) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Parish Hall Youth Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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