



Thanksgiving Day
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 28, 2024
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.)

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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.

Voluntary

on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless 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, ever more.

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.***

Gloria in excelsis

(Organ)



f Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-
migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. *mp* 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;
mf you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive
our prayer. *a tempo* *f* For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone
are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit in the Glo-ry of God the
Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

All sit

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming

locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Recited responsively by half verse

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God

and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

All stand, as able

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

5
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav-ing Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even

Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All kneel, 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.

We thank you, Lord.

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

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

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord.

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

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

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord.

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

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

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord.

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

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

We thank you, Lord.

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

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Holy 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C)

BCP, p. 369

At the Offertory, Voluntary

Sacred Harp Suite

Robert Powell

Presentation Hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast 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.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you 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.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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 them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus, S-130

Setting: Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 the world about us. Deliver us from the 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 say,

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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. Note that 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 until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution, Voluntary,

Andante Tranquillo

Whitney

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

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 - er 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;

Descant

4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.
 come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvisation on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



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.)

Robert Powell (composer of this morning's *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.



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing list please email the Church Office 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 FORMATION. Each Sunday Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children in the chapel. All are welcome!

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

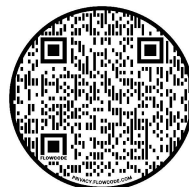
	Nov 28	Dec 1	Dec 8
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones
Ushers	TBD	B. Chernault J. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Gld	TBD	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Counter		K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. They have taken a vow to pray for others and take this vow seriously.

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

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.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36, Psalm 25:1-9. To find all the lessons visit lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Thurs (11/28) Thanksgiving Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Sun (12/1) Christian Formation, 9 a.m., Adults in the Parish Hall; Children in the 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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