



St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

October 11, 2026

10:00am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary

Offertoire - Théodore Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

For the next four Sundays the Rector will provide a serial instructed Eucharist by addressing our liturgy in four sections. This week, he will address our 'Entrance Rite.'

The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal 556 - *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.

Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense ecloud.

Yes, on through life's long path,

still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil,
till dawns the golden day.

At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Why do we enter worship the way we do and what is an acclamation? Our opening procession is designed to praise God with song and motion that directs the whole congregation to life in God's presence through our worship. An acclamation is an announcement of the 'guest of honor' so to speak. In whose presence do we gather? The God who shows himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Opening Acclamation (Book of Common Prayer page 355)

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

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

Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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.

Before the 16th Century Reformation in England, the Collect for Purity was said only by the priest before he entered the church to lead worship. We all say it together because we believe in the priesthood of all believers.

Blue Hymnal S280 - *Glory to God* (Sung at 10:00am)

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

The Gloria is an ancient hymn of praise. Once again the Entrance Rite is all about directing our attention to the gift of life in God's near presence, and not just some abstract idea of God, but the God we know through Jesus Christ via the Holy Spirit.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Entrance Rite ends with the Collect of the Day. Each week of the church year has its own collect, a prayer written to encapsulate the themes of the season of the church year and of the scripture we will hear in the upcoming Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Sung by the choir

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice 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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #7 - *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true, the only Light,
 Sun of Righteousness, arise!
 Triumph o'er the shades of night:
 Dayspring from on high, be near;
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
 unaccompanied by thee;
 joyless is the day's return,
 till thy mercy's beams I see,

till they inward light impart,
 glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
 Fill me, radiancy divine;
 scatter all my unbelief;
 more and more thyself display,
 shining to the perfect day.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Many: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed (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.

The Prayers of the People

You have made yourself a refuge to the poor and needy in their distress, and have prepared for all nations a rich feast on your holy mountain. We turn our faces to you this day; that you might wipe away our tears and take our distress from us, even as we yearn after the hope you have planted in our hearts:

We have waited for the Lord; that God might save us.

We pray for your Church, our laity, deacons, priests and bishops; that we might be able co workers for your Gospel, of the same mind and resolute in the faith to which we have been called:

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice.

Search our inward thoughts and prompt us by your Spirit to offer every prayer and supplication, thanksgiving and request, that your peace, which passes all understanding, may guard our hearts and minds in Christ:

We have waited for the Lord; that God might save us.

We pray for those who have little, remembering especially those of our own city, and also for our mission endeavors especially our Second Saturday Community Meal, our Salvation Army meal ministry, and our ministry with Fresh Start Sober Living. Make us useful for them, and lead us into mutual service, that your Gospel might be proclaimed in deed:

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice.

The concerns of our hearts are many, so hear our supplications for the fears and needs of each here present, and know our request for the sick whom we now name before you, we pray for Debby, Ronald, Charlene, Kenny, Donna, Mark, Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, Robin, Mary, Shirley, Bruce, Kent, Ann, Earlene, Donald, Jane, Veronica, Buddy, Susan J., Elena, Jay, Susan S., Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Lilly, Layla, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, and Russell. And for those who have died, including Mikenzy McCullough and for our service members killed in the current conflict. . Still their depths and fill them with confidence, O Gracious One:

We have waited for the Lord; that God might save us.

Fix our minds on the true and honorable, the just and pure, on whatever is commendable, praiseworthy and excellent, that the peace of Christ may abound in our lives and ways:

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice.

We pray for all who are seeking a relationship with God and a church community to support their faith. Lord God, bring them to our community so we may know and share the love of God with them and be blessed by the gifts they bring.

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

The people may offer their prayers.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept for examination of conscience.

**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.**

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 (BCP p. 360)

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

All: **And also with you.**

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings and Healing Prayers



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

text by Isaac Watts, music traditional, arr. by Virgil Thomson



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Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

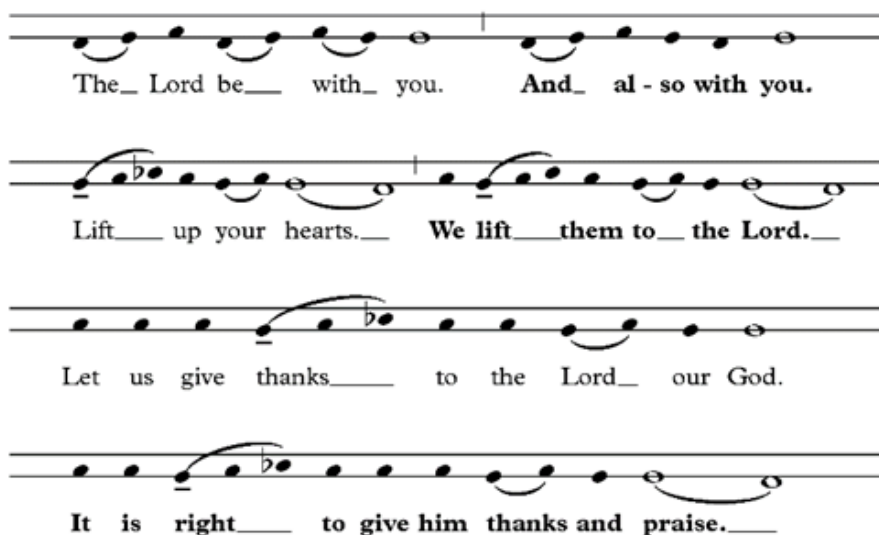
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Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda



The_ Lord be___ with_ you. And_ al - so with you.

Lift___ up your hearts.___ We lift___ them to___ the Lord.___

Let us give thanks___ to the Lord___ our God.

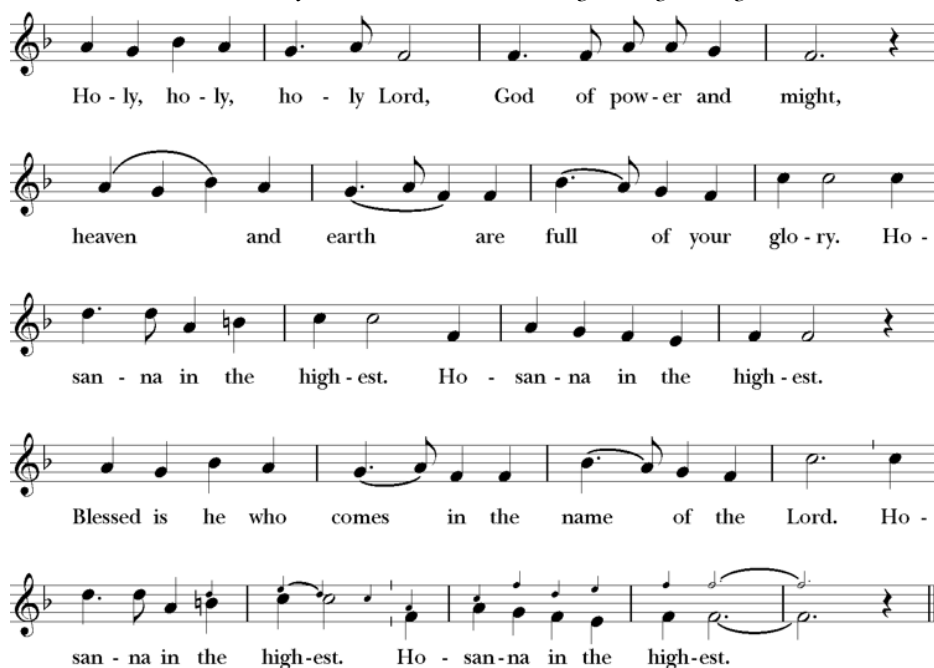
It is right___ to give him thanks and praise.___

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Blue Hymnal # S125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*



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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 (BCP p. 363)

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

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal #S161 - *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #318 - *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing
Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my
God.

Blue Hymnal #645 - *The King of love, my shepherd is*

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill

Blue Hymnal #335 - *I am the bread of life*

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.

The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (BCP p. 365)

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.

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

Final Blessing (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #411 - *O bless the Lord, my soul*

O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal (BCP p. 366)

One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

Entrée - Théodore Dubois

Serving on Sunday October 11th:

Acolytes - Eric G., Gavin F. and Ruth G.
Chalice Bearers - Nancy D. and Robert F.
Counters – Jim B. and Ken H.
Lectors – Brandon M., Ben O. Michele V.
Ushers – Zach W. and Ben O.

Serving on Sunday October 18th:

Acolytes - David C., Dakota M. and Robert F.
Chalice Bearers - Richard W. and David C.
Counters – Marsha C. and Paul J.
Lectors – Richard W., Ben O. and Michele V.
Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Thank you to all who volunteer as **Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Counters, Lectors, and Ushers**. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.

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Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Debby, Ronald R., Charlene R., Kenny B., Donna W., Mark M., Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, and Robin S. **Continued prayers for** – Mary, Shirley G., Bruce N., Kent C., Ann C., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Veronica Y., Buddy B., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Lilly J., Layla L., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., and Russell M.

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Spencer S., Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Kelsi H., Chris M. and Rachel P.

For the Departed: Mikenzy McCullough and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Esther Rauch**

The Ministers: *All the members of this church because we believe in the “priesthood of all believers”
(1 Peter 2:5).*

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