St. John's Episcopal Church

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

November 8, 2026
10:00am
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Organ Voluntary
IV. Offertoire (from Ten Pieces)- Théodore Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn
Blue Hymnal #690 - *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

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.

Blue Hymnal S280 - *Glory to God*



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The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *Deus, in adjutorium*

Sung by the choir

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #68 - *Rejoice! Rejoice believers*

Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Many: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Turn our hearts this day to Wisdom, O gracious One, for she is radiant and unfading and easily discerned by those who love her. So seed our hearts with the love of Wisdom that we may desire her and seek for her and prosper in her ways:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

We commit ourselves to a balanced life of mind and heart, and to the gifts of reason and empathy planted firm within us. So guide our thoughts and passions that your Church might speak and write and walk in clarity and understanding, seasoned by the wisdom of the ages, and open to fresh insight:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

Grant wisdom to our laity and clergy and especially our Bishop; that your Church might be guided in the right way:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

Send your healing Spirit upon those of our parish who are sick or troubled, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are now offered including Nancy, Sean, Frank, Kimberley, Marsha, Laurel, Ann, Elena, Jay, Susan S., Loretta, David B., Debby, Kenny, Jane P., Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Donna, Mark, Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, Robin, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Russell, Mary, Shirley, Kent, Ann, Earlene, Donald, Jane Z., Veronica, Buddy, and Susan J. And for those who have died, including Patricia Brown, Bradford Wellman, Carolyn Leick and for our service members killed in the current conflict. Be with all those who mourn, and do not leave them to grieve as those who have no hope, but seal their hearts in the knowledge that the dead in Christ shall rise:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

Impart to our national leadership gifts of reason,character and a reflective spirit, remembering especially our President, our Congress, the Senators of this State, and our local Representatives, that all in authority may have ready minds and deep root from which to draw as they lead our nation forward:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

We offer our prayers for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and especially those in harms way:
To fix one's heart on wisdom is perfect understanding.

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.

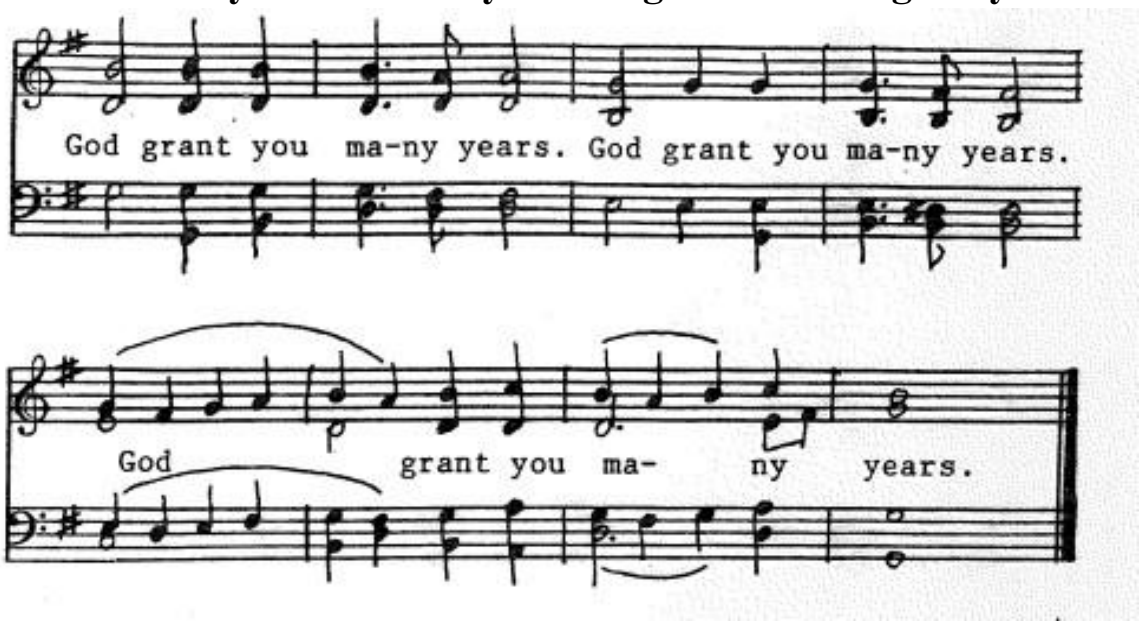
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

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 Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Teach me, O Lord

text Psalm 119

music by Thomas Attwood

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Doxology with Alleluias



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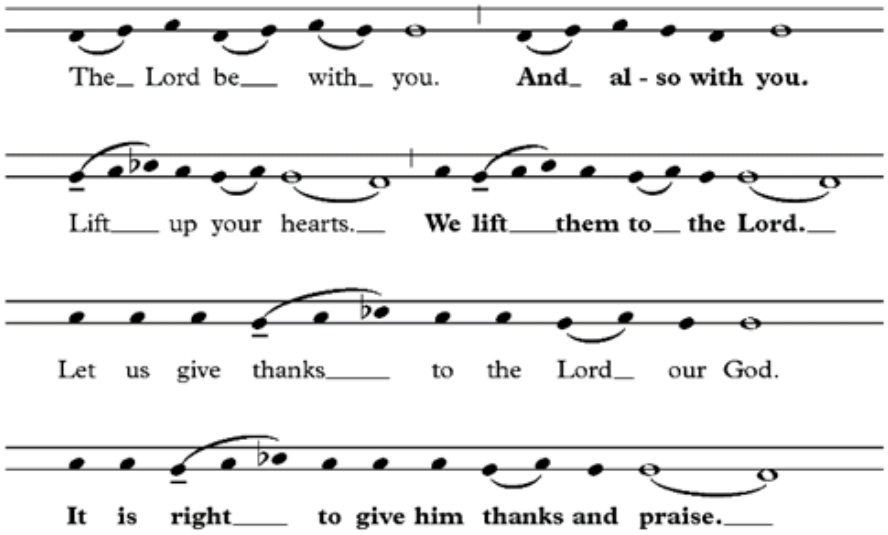
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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Eucharist is Greek for thanksgiving. At the eucharist we gather as Jesus commanded us, to remember him, to be fed by him, and to be joined together in the community that is his body. The Episcopal Church teaches that Jesus is really and fully present in the bread and wine, the action of sharing the bread and wine, and in the community created by the communion. While we do not endorse the theory of 'transubstantiation' - as it is based on a metaphysics that comes from Aristotle through Aquinas - we do know the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament because Jesus promised it. The story of the Road to Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke, is a sterling example of a liturgy in miniature and an example of how Jesus is revealed in the breaking of the bread. Jesus gave us the gift of communion on the night before he suffered and died for us as a pledge of his faithful presence no matter what and as a way for us to understand the meaning of his self-sacrifice and resurrection.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda *(Latin for Lift up Your Hearts)*

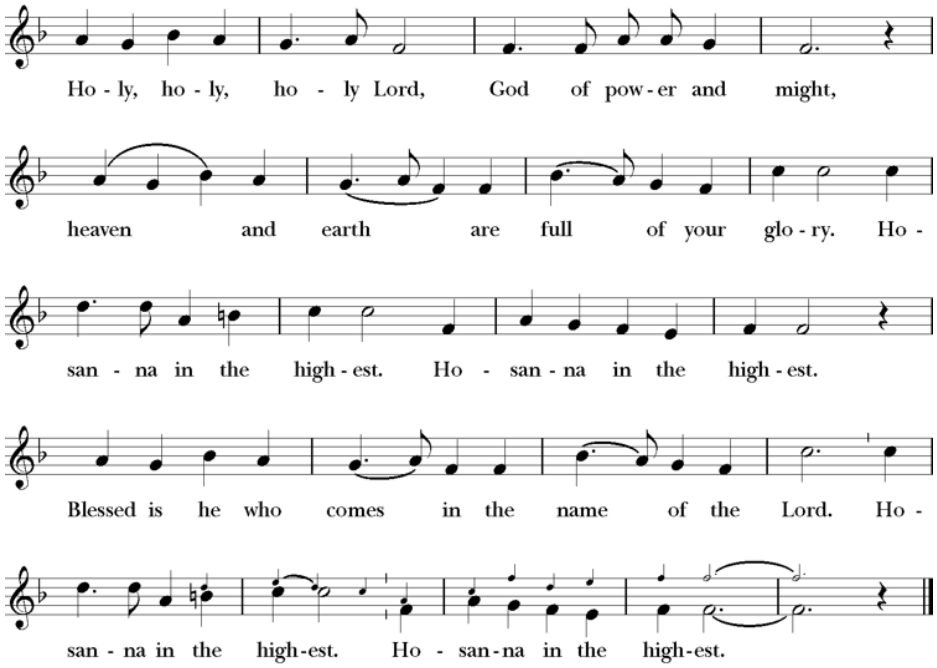


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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*



The Sanctus (latin for Holy), is taken from the Prophet Isaiah's vision of God in the Temple in Jerusalem. As the angels surround the throne of God singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" so we as a congregation surround the presence of God and sing the same. The Benedictus - the "Blessed is he" part - comes from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We are opening our hearts to Jesus who is entering in as the king of our hearts.

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,

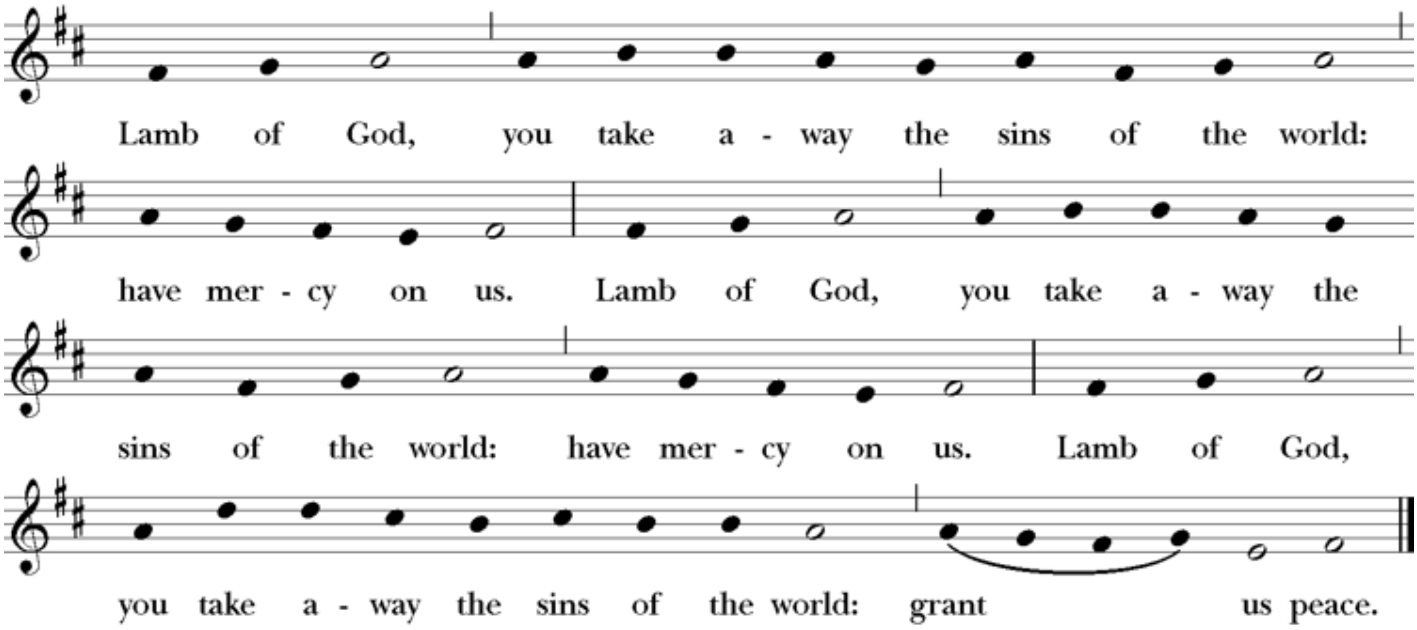
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. 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*



Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #362 - ***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blesséd Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blesséd Trinity.

Blue Hymnal #341 - ***For the bread which you have broken***

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blessed ones adore you,
seated at our Father's board,

may the Church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Blue Hymnal #325 - ***Let us break bread together on our knees***

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

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 #436 - *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey - Walter L. Pelz

Serving on Sunday November 8th:
Acolytes - Eric G., Obi O. & Ruth G.
Chalice Bearers - Grant P. & Richard W.
Counters – Ken H. & Paul J.
Lectors – Katherine F., Richards W. & Chris M.
Ushers – Katharine F. & Scott K.

Serving on Sunday November 15th:
Acolytes - Grant P, Isaac P. and Gavin F.
Chalice Bearers - Cassy P. and Robert F.
Counters – Marsha C. and Don L.
Lectors – Jacquie W., Brandon M. & Chris M.
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: Nancy M., Sean C., Frank B., Kimberley M., and Marsha. **Continued prayers for** – Laurel, Ann, Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, David B., Debby, Kenny B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Donna W., Mark M., Amber, David, Bonny, Shawn, Robin S., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Russell M., Mary, Shirley G., Kent C., Ann C., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Veronica Y., Buddy B., and Susan J.

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: Nancy M.

For the Departed: Patricia Brown, Bradford Wellman, Carolyn Leick and for our service members killed in the current conflict.

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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