

# Saint John's Episcopal Church

Pentecost 25; Proper 27

Sunday - November 10, 2024

The Prelude *Kelvingrove*

*setting by Charles Callaban*

The Opening Hymn *Praise, my soul, the king of heaven*

*The Hymnal 1982, 410*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30*

*The Hymnal 1982, S 280*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

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.**

First Reading

**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

*In our Old Testament lesson we hear how Naomi helps Ruth to secure her future as she gives instruction as to how she may make herself attractive and available to her rich and well-connected kinsman Boaz. The success of Naomi's intercession comes in Ruth's marriage to Boaz, and in her subsequent delivery of a son. God's providential intercession is seen in this conception and in the birth of a male, who will one day become the grandfather of the future king David. Ruth the foreigner is now in every way incorporated into the people and community of Israel.*

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm 127, Nisi Dominus**

*In this Psalm, the Lord is the source and foundation for all successful human endeavor, and a growing family is blessing from the Lord.*

*Let us read the Psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.*

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, \*  
**their labor is in vain who build it.**
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*  
**in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
**vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, \*  
**and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
**are the children of one's youth.**
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  
**he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

## **The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 9:24-28**

*This reading from Paul to the Hebrews tells how Christ, the eternal high priest, has entered into the heavenly sanctuary to present the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of himself for sins. Paul's theme that Jesus has superseded the need for all other priestly offerings such as were made annually on the Day of Atonement. These were never more than foreshadowings of what Christ was to accomplish. The earthly temple, which was but a copy of the true sanctuary in heaven, is no longer of significance. As the end of the ages draws near, our brother Jesus, who died like we must, appears before God on our behalf and will appear once more to save those who wait for him.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn** *Come thou fount of every blessing*

*The Hymnal 1982, 686*

**The Gospel** *all standing, as able*

**Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Alan R. Hesse**

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

*Enriching our Worship 1*

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We give thanks for the churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Churches of the Taunton River Deanery: All Saints' Church (Attleboro), Trinity Church (Bridgewater), Church of Our Saviour (Middleborough), Commission on Ministry.

We pray for those on our prayer list: Mary, Christy, Brian Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Dave, John, Joe, Leo, Sunny, Kim, Alannah, David, MaryAnn, Geraldine, Debbie, Melissa, Herb, and David.

The flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of loved ones by Mary Howe.

We pray for St. John's, so that its ministry and mission may help our community and the world.

We pray for personal strength and faith to help our fellow human beings.

We pray for all clergy, especially our rector, Father Alan.

I invite your own intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 387*

## The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest* 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

*All stand, as able.*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**The Offertory Anthem** *How can I keep from singing?*

*setting by Timothy Show*

## The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***



## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 130*

*The people stand or kneel, as able.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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/Fraction Anthem**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 164*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

Please hold out your hand to receive the host.

You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

**As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided in a white pedestal table.**

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know**.

**The Communion Hymn** *Peace before us*

*Wonder Love and Praise, 791*

- 1 Peace before us, peace behind us,  
peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
let all around us be peace.
- 2 Love before us, love behind us,  
love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us,  
let all around us be love.
- 3 Light before us, light behind us,  
light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us,  
let all around us be light.

- 4 Christ before us, Christ behind us,  
Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us,  
let all around us be Christ.
- 5 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 6 Peace before us, peace behind us,  
peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us,  
let all around us be peace.

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

**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**

**Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations and Announcements**

**The Closing Hymn** *As those of old their first fruits brought*

*The Hymnal 1982, 705*

**The Dismissal**

*Eucharistic Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude** *Organ Voluntary*

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**Serving This Weekend**

Celebrant: **Mary Ames** (5pm); **The Reverend Alan R. Hesse** (9:30am)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Mary Ames** (5pm); **Charles Diana** (9:30am)

Lectors: **Jann Czarnetzki** (5pm); **Rob Wood, Sr.** and **Susan Carliss** (9:30am)

Crucifer: **Stevie Wood**

Sunday School: **Will Hibbard** and **Becky Coleman**  
Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and **Choir**  
Altar Guild: **Jann Czarnetzki**, **Melissa Abbott**, and **Judy Cohen**  
Ushers: **Mary Howe**  
Hospitality: **Debbie Pickett Mills**

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## Announcements

**Come join us for Brown Bag Bible Study.** Each year we are called to enter into the season of Advent with new eyes, new insights, and new hopes. We will explore the Christmas story in a new way. Our study will have us journeying through Rome. Meet Fr. Al and other learners in the **Parish House (161 Main St) at 12 noon** with your brown bag lunch on these dates:

**November 14** - Rome: A Place of Longing  
**November 21** - Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting  
**December 5** - Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity  
**December 12** - Bethlehem: A Place of Humility

For a sample of the material being used, please see Father Al or look at the material online at:  
<https://www.amazon.com/Way-Bethlehem-Advent-Study-ebook/dp/B0CS7SJRVI>

**Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the Christmas Market. Sign up sheets** are now in the Parish Hall.

**Bakers** are needed for the Bake Sale Table and Cookie Sampler boxes. This year the Market is before **Thanksgiving** so we are focusing on **Thanksgiving/Fall desserts**, as well as **Christmas!**

**Fillers** are needed for Raffle Baskets. A "shopping list" has been provided.

**Wreath and Cookie Sampler Pre-Order** forms are also available. Please help where you can!

**Wreath decorating, Dec. 1st, 12-5 in the Parish Hall.** Come help decorate greenery for yourself, or for sale. Be sure to pre-order your own via the form in the Parish Hall!

**Thank you, the Christmas Market Committee**

**St. John's Christmas Market is this week! Friday, November 15 from 4-8pm and Saturday, November 16 from 10-3pm, under the tents behind the Parish House. Please come support our excellent vendors, crafts people, and raffles.**

**Enjoy food and treats in the Parish Hall AND meet Santa in his sleigh. Raffle tickets for this year's Christmas Market quilt** are available for purchase in the Parish House and Thrift Shop. As usual, it's a beauty..

**We could use additional utility lighting fixtures.** Do you have any utility lighting fixtures that we could borrow for use at the **Christmas Market** on Nov. 15 and 16? We need lighting for the tent! Please drop off in the office - Tues-Fri 9am-2pm, leave on front porch of Parish House. Please be sure to **label** with your name so we can return it after the Market. Thank you so much!

**Thank you Sue Nee, Jill, Emma, and Melissa for another amazing Halloween party** following worship on Sunday, November 3rd. There were inflatables in every inch of the Undercroft and a "groaning board" of food and treats for everyone. **And thank you to all of those who contributed** 37 bags of candy, treats, and plastic bugs for Fr. Al to hand out on Halloween. It was an amazing night for trick-or-treating!

**Deb and Herb Roberts invite you to** their Winter Wonderland White Christmas OPEN HOUSE at 42 Yearling Run Road, Bourne. This is a benefit for Tunnel to Towers and for St. John's Church:

Nov. 15/16/17, 22/23/24, 29/30 and Dec. 1, 6/7/8, 13/14/15

Fridays and Saturdays from 11am-4pm; Sundays 12-4pm. \$15.00 suggested donation at the door.

**It's the beginning of another month** and that means that the Diocese of Massachusetts e-newsletter is available on-line at:  
<https://www.diomass.org/news-pubs>

Copies can be found on the table in the Narthex.

**Copies of our weekly electronic newsletter The Messenger** can be found on the table in the Narthex.

**We thank** Lillian Woo and Steve Putnam for their Stewardship Witness this weekend.

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## November 9-17, 2024

### Saturday, Nov. 9

9:30am AA, Undercroft  
5pm Evening Prayer

### Sunday, Nov. 10

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday  
School  
Hospitality following worship, Parish Hall

### Monday, Nov. 11

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, Nov. 12

12noon AA, Parish Hall  
7pm Vestry

### Wednesday, Nov. 13

2pm Prayer Shawl  
7pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, Nov. 14

12noon, **Brown Bag Bible Study**, Parish House  
12noon AA, Undercroft  
4:30pm Lasit Performing Arts, Church  
6pm AA, Undercroft

### Friday, Nov. 15

4-8pm, **CHRISTMAS MARKET** under the tent

### Saturday, Nov. 16

No AA today  
10am-3pm, **CHRISTMAS MARKET** under the tent  
5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, Nov. 17

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday  
School  
Hospitality following the service, Parish Hall

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### **Vestry Members**

Paul Coyle, *Senior Warden*  
Ann Geary Roche, *Junior Warden*  
Celia Bailey Ochoa, *Treasurer*  
Lillian Woo, *Clerk*  
Jeff CUILTY, *vestry*

Sandy Scannell, *vestry*  
Kathy Uggerholt, *vestry*  
Mary Ames, *vestry*  
Deborah Roberts, *vestry*  
Gregory B. Roche, *vestry*

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### **Welcome to St. John's!**

*Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!*

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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## **Saint John's Episcopal Church**

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