

Saint John's Anglican Church

The Twenty-First Sunday After Trinity

Proper 25

October 25, 2026

11:15 am

Prelude

Moderato

Adolph Hesse (1809-1863)

All stand.

Introit Hymn 1

Father We Praise Thee

Christe Sanctorum

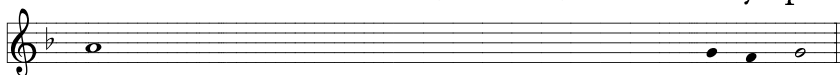
THE INTRODUCTION

The Acclamation

(Prayer Book, 105)

The People standing, the Celebrant says

✠ Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



People

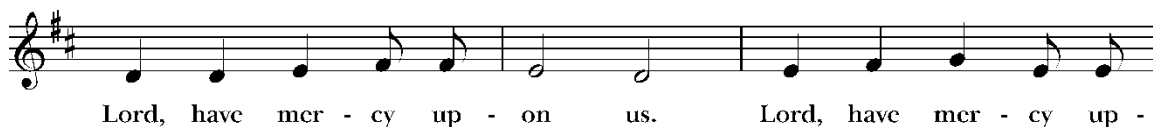
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forev-er. A-men.

The Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law

(Prayer Book, 106)

Kyrie

(Hymnal, S-91)



on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Gloria in excelsis

(Hymnal, S-202)

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,

good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly



King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



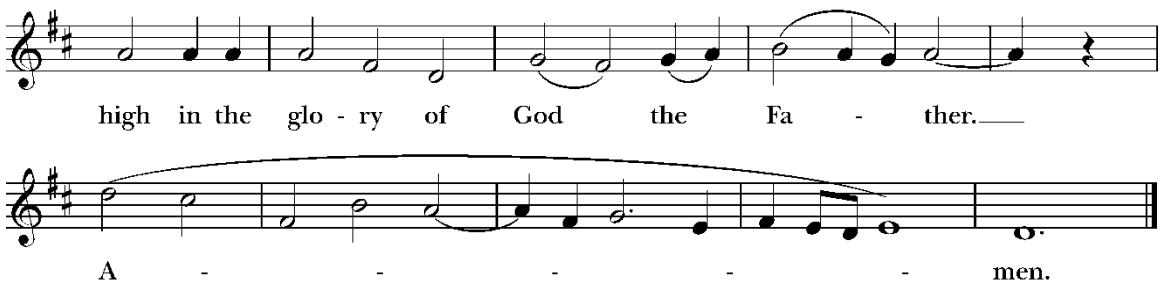
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou



on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most



The Collect of the Day

(Prayer Book, 632)

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All kneel. The Celebrant prays the Collect.



LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

All sit.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Lesson

Exodus 22:21-27

YOU shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his

body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

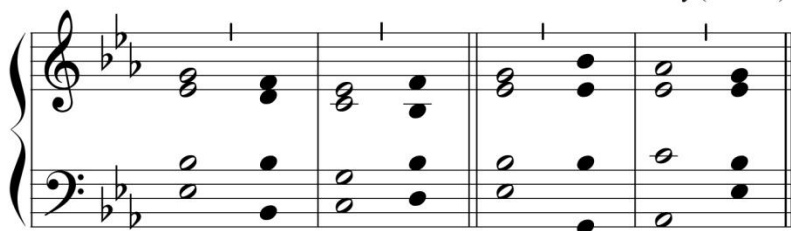
People

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Psalm 1

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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BLESSED is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, |
nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful; ||
But his delight is in the law of the Lord, |
and on his law will he meditate day and night. ||
And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, |
that will bring forth his fruit in due season. ||
His leaf also shall not wither; |
and look, whatever he does, it shall prosper. ||
As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; |
but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away
from the face of the earth. ||
Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, |
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ||
(repeat second half of chant)
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, |
but the way of the ungodly shall perish. ||

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

FOR you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed — God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

After the Epistle, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 706, vv. 1-2

In Your Mercy, Lord You Called Me

Halton Holgate

The Gospel

St. Matthew 22:34-46

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

BUT when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You

shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn 706, vv. 3

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Halton Holgate

The Sermon

The Rev. Sam Wilgus

The Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book, 144)

All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

IBELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (**here bow**) and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; (**here rise**) and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(Prayer Book, 110)

All kneel. After each paragraph, the Reader says:

Lord, in thy mercy:

People

Hear our prayer.

THE PREPARATION

The Confession, Absolution of Sin, and Comfortable Words

(Prayer Book, 112)

After the Deacon invites the People to confession, all say

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant alone stands and says the Absolution and the Comfortable Words.

The Peace

(Prayer Book, 114)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth*

The Doxology

All stand and sing

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. Amen.

The Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

(Prayer Book, 115, 152)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

The Lord be with you.



People And with thy spi-rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.



People We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

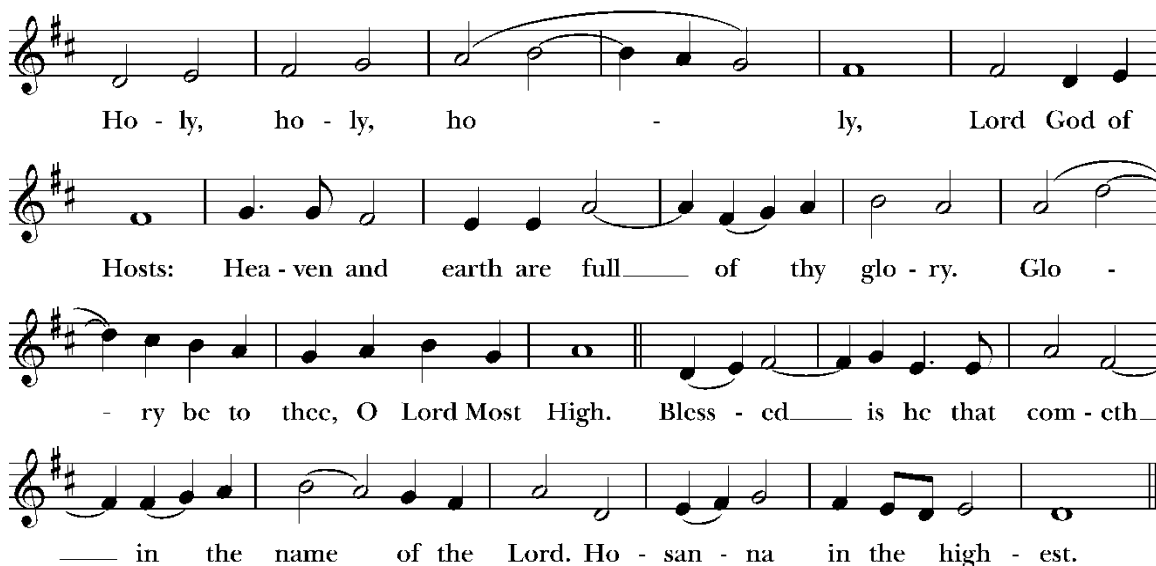


People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface.

Sanctus

(Hymnal, S-114)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Consecration

(Prayer Book, 115)

The People kneel. The Celebrant concludes the Prayer saying

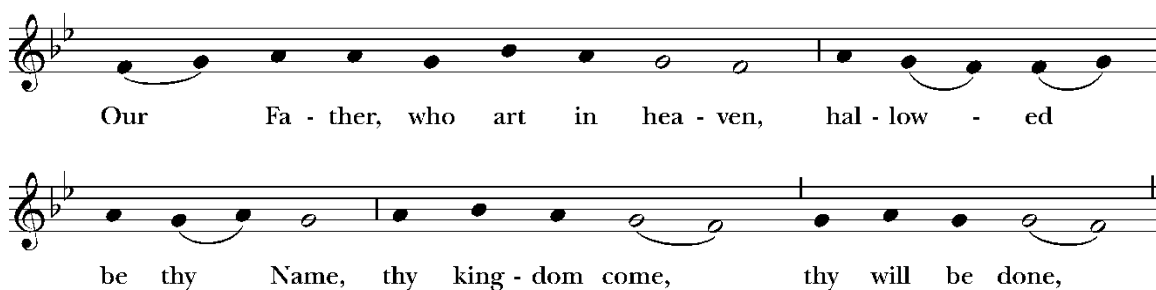
O FATHER Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal, S-119)

The Celebrant then says

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



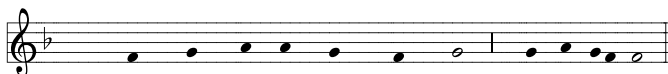
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from c - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the bread. Silence is kept. Then he says:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

Celebrant and People together say

WE do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

(Hymnal, S-158)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

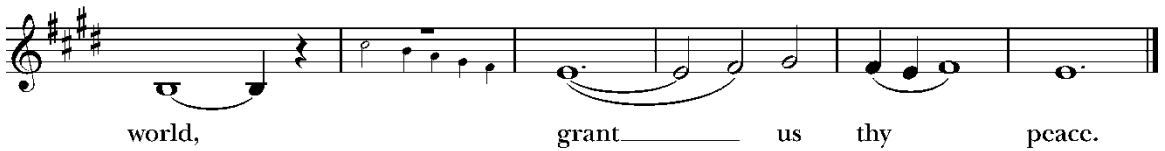
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

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The Ministration of Communion

(Prayer Book, 120)

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

All persons who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity and have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but wish to receive a blessing, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention.

Communion Hymn 383

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

THE THANKSGIVING

The Post Communion Prayer

(Prayer Book, 120)

Celebrant and People kneeling together say the following

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

(Prayer Book, 121)

All stand.

Recessional Hymn 450

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

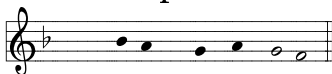
Coronation

The Dismissal

(Prayer Book, 122)

The Deacon dismisses the People with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Larghetto

Georg Friderich Handel (1685-1759)

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Parish Bulletin – October 25, 2026

Memorials.....

The flowers on the High Altar were given in memory of Nadine Wooley (*The Merritt Family*).

The flowers in the Lady Chapel were given in celebration of Lucas' birthday (*Marty & Kendall Smith*).

The De Profundis will ring on Oct. 26th in memory of Jack Benson Collins (*Marty & Kendall Smith*).

Prayers.....

FOR Wanda, Ann, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Dale & Glenda, Carol, Alison & Ben, Billy, Renee, Brooke, Sara, Karin, Kashton & Kohan, Chris, Tom, Joni & Chelsea, Kenneth, Teresa, Sharon & Frank, Mike, Lisa, Kendra, Amanda, Seth, Jack, Kate, Mark, Amy, Billy, George, Andrew, Tom, Monty, Dana, Charro, Bret, Benjamin, Nikki, Josephine, Israel & Dorina, Isaac, Micaela, Mark, Jennifer, Knight Family, Richard, George, Jase, Donna, Mike, Rita, Patrick, Brenda, Mike, Benito, Rene, Annelle, Kathy, Silas, Jason, George, Moriah, Virgil, Kevin, Waylon, Charles, Keaton, Linda, Oliver, and Sharon.

For all in our armed forces, especially Danushka Fernando.

For those traveling, especially Renee, Thor, Mary McKinney, Molly, Paul, Harriet, John, Charles, Margot, Lola, Ellie, Austin, Teddy, Erin, and Duey.

For the faithful departed, especially Edye and Chris.

For all celebrating birthdays, especially Janice Magee (*Oct. 29*), Lucas Smith (*Oct. 31*).

For all celebrating anniversaries.

St. John's Music Ministries

Chancel Choir rehearsals:
Thursdays, 7-8 pm

Chancel Bells rehearsals:
Thursdays, 6-6:45 pm
(began as of September 3)

Children's Choir rehearsals:
Thursdays, 4:15-5 pm
(began as of September 10)

St. John's Children's Choir



Please contact Karen Clark for more information.

Vestry

Jeff Anderson (2029), *Sr. Warden*
Chris Stevens (2027), *Jr. Warden*
Mark DeYoung (2029), *Clerk*

Bryan Blakely (2027)
Steve Sparks (2027)
Mike Beaupré (2027)

Debbie Baptiste (2028)
Josh Lambert (2028)
Brianna Wilcox (2028)

Nelumdini Samaranayake (2029)
Steven St. Clair (2028)
Tim Watkins (2029)

Bob Hampton (ex officio), *Treasurer*

Parish Office Hours
Tues-Fri, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sunday Morning Ministries

Stay up to date on who is serving in each ministry every week by using the QR code below to access the Google Docs spreadsheet maintained by all ministry leaders.



Upcoming Events

Saint John's Annual Chili Cook-Off
Wednesday, November 11th
6:00 pm, Gregory Hall

