



### **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**\*\*Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices  
before the start of the service. Thank you.\*\***

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar

The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate

The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon

Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A**  
*Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – October 15, 2023 – 10:15 AM*  
*Feast of St. Michael and All Angels*

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

**Processional**

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

**The Hymnal, #680**

4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

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

**People And blessed be his 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.**

**Gloria**

**The Hymnal, S280**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.***

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

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

## **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

### **The First Lesson**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**People** The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

***Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum***

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is **good**, \*  
for his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his **praise**?
- 3 Happy are those who act with **justice** \*  
and always do what is **right**!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your **people**, \*  
and visit me with your saving **help**;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your **people**, \*  
that I may glory with your **inheritance**.
- 6 We have sinned as our **forebears** did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt **wickedly**.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at **Horeb** \*  
and worshiped a molten **image**;
- 20 And so they exchanged their **Glory** \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on **grass**.
- 21 They forgot God their **Savior**, \*  
who had done great things in **Egypt**,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of **Ham**, \*  
and fearful things at the Red **Sea**.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the **breach**, \*  
to turn away his wrath from **consuming** them.

**The Second Lesson**

**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.

**People**      The Word of the Lord.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Sequence Hymn**

**The Hymnal, #645**

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

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

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

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

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

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

**Deacon**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

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."

**Deacon**      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Nathan Carr**

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**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the  
Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,  
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray  
to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in  
authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community,  
and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the  
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air,  
let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and  
for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and the suffering, and for all the people on our  
prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for  
all the departed, including Delores Jean Inge, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and  
degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O  
Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

*As events continue to unfold following the horrific and unjustifiable attacks on Israel, Bishop Poulson sent this prayer for peace:*

*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People say together.*

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture.*

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>

**Announcements**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**



## Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People And of thine own have we given thee.

## Offertory Anthem

With a Voice of Singing  
The St John's Choir

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing  
Declare ye this and let it be heard,  
Alleluia.*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people,  
Alleluia*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honour of his name,  
make his praise to be glorious.*

## Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (Verse 3)

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.**

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**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei**

**The Hymnal, S163**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## **We Share the Gifts of God**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Communion Hymn**

**The Hymnal, #317**

1. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table spread for me;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

2. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days  
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

3. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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 of the Lay Eucharist Visitors**

Celebrant or Deacon: 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.

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

### **Recessional**

1 When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried  
Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always  
Alleluia!

### **The Hymnal, #420**

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,  
Alleluia!

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight,  
Alleluia!

**Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Steven Barnes	Judd	Penny
Beverly Bradley	Drew Kolb	Peter
Bob	Sarah Kramer	Monte Pratt
Braiden	Jessica	Mathew Reynolds
Corbin Brown	Jean Ledet & Chad	Kathleen Rhodes
Lewis Honor Carr	Dixon	Rob, Ruthie and
Nancy Carr	Denys Lenets	Samuel
Sue Collins	Kara Lynn	Adrienne Robertson
Sir Michael Dawson	Ron Marlett	Seth
Stephanie Dunham	Tony Marruchella	Betty Sinclair
Dru	Mary	Family of Kenneth
Ed	Leland Mayo	Sosna
Sharon Ellington	Betty & Delbert Millican	John Steward and
Joyce Ezell	and Ryan Lightfoot	Lee DeWitt
Jim Freeman	Trish Morgan	Martha Steward
Tom Freeman	Christina Morris	Nancy Steward
Myrna Gowman	Paul Mosier	Sydney and Troy
John Greiner	Deborah Nelson	Ed Tebow
Steve Hammontree	Joy Nelson	Sarah Tracy
Aimee Hanneman	The Nichols Family	Tyler and Dru
Dr. J	Pam	Donna Walters
	Babette Patton	Mary Jo Watson
	Patty	Pat Westervelt
		Ginny Wynn

### **Altar Gifts**

Today's altar flowers are given by the Morgan Family  
in loving memory of our precious Oakley Alexander Morgan.

Altar flowers are now reserved through the end of the year.  
We do need donors for the sanctuary candles both this year and next.

Suggested donation for the  
for the sanctuary candle is \$10.

### **Birthdays This Week**

15 Babette Patton  
15 Julie Grissom  
19 HL Watson  
21 Dana Chai

### **Fall Services and Events**

**Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 pm** - Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist  
Eucharist in the Mary Chapel

**Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 pm** - Feast of St James of Jerusalem  
Eucharist in the Mary Chapel

**Saturday, October 28, 4-6 pm** – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in Celebration of the Nave,  
at Cynthia Cortright's home

**Sunday, October 29, Worship Service** – Service of Celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nave

**Sunday, October 29, following service** – St. John's Community Lunch at Johnnies on Britton

**Wednesday, November 1, 7:00 pm** – Evensong and Reception to honor the St. John's Choir

### **Adult Formation - Year A: Matthew's Gospel**

#### **Lesson Five Discussion**

**Sunday, October 22: Matthew 22:15-22 (Proper 24).** Jesus and the State—The Political Opponents;  
God vs. Caesar

#### **Questions:**

1. Can you see the connection, relation, and conflict between the Gospel and politics?
2. What words imply politics and conflicts in today's gospel?
3. How do you interpret the last verses of the reading? How does Jesus challenge the political powers?

**Schools are back in session and our *teachers desperately need supplies*. Current needs for Teacher's Toolbox** include: *Kleenex and Play Doh*

**Mark Your Calendars:** Volunteer event at the Regional Food Bank on Saturday, November 18, 9:30 to noon