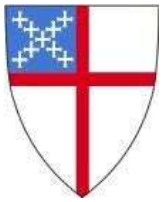

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Proper 22

October 4, 2026
11:00 AM

WELCOME!

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Whether you're a member, a regular guest, or visiting St. John's for the first time, we're blessed by your presence and hope to see you again.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

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HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II
Prayer A

Hymn 537 ***Christ for the World We Sing***

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.***

Hymn S280 ***Gloria In Excelsis***

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading **Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

Chanted by Choir and Congregation

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; * it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, * so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; * preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Epistle **Philippians 3:4b-14**

A reading from Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 489 ***The Great Creator of the Worlds***

The Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

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

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon **Rev. Paul Skeith**

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: 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

Clergy: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: We thank you for your Church throughout the world and for all who serve Christ and his kingdom.
By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people
That we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Clergy: We pray for the world

Leader: Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it, and bless those who work to share its fruitfulness.
Teach us to care creatively for the earth's resources.

Clergy: We pray for the community

Leader:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. Bless and strengthen our community partners: El Buen Samaritano, and the students, staff, and families of McBee and Walnut Creek Elementary Schools.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Clergy: We pray for those in need

Leader: God of hope, lead those who seek your guidance, and comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died.
Into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

Clergy: We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

[The congregation is invited to offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings.]

We pray for those with birthdays this week:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for [*Name*] and [*Name*] and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger, fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world. ***Amen***.

We invite those present to come forward to receive blessings.

Closing Collect:

O Lord, who has called us to serve you: Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession
Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.

Celebrant**:** 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
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

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The Holy Communion
Prayer A

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At the Offertory, Anthem: *Will You Come and Follow Me?* **–John Bell**

Hymn 380 Verse 3 ***The Doxology***

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.**

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

"Words of Consecration"

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 **WLP 858 Buchanan**

The people stand or kneel.

"Words of Consecration"

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

"Words of Consecration"

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.

Great Amen **WLP 858 Maultsby**

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
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: ***Break Thou the Bread of Life***
Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Teach me to live, dear Lord, only for thee,
As thy disciples lived in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er, then, victory won,
I shall behold thee, Lord, the living one.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anthem: ***Grant Us Peace*** **—David Johnson**

Hymn 383 ***Fairest Lord Jesus***

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitor *(read in unison only when home visit occurs)*
In the name of St. John's, we 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. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer
Let us pray.
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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Hymn 708 ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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