St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✠ DECATUR, ALABAMA

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 8, 2026

8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.
Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal.
Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Gloria	**Hymn S202**
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Amos 5:18-24
The Psalm	Psalm 70
The Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13
The Sermon	Father Ackerman
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession & Absolution	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	*Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	**Hymn 380**
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1	BCP 333
Sanctus	**Hymn S114**
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Fraction Anthem	**Hymn S163**
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	**Hymn 454**
Dismissal	BCP 339

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude	Theme on "Melita" Jonathan Ackerman
Processional Hymn	**Hymn 596**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	**Hymn S278**
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Amos 5:18-24
Psalm	Psalm 70
The Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession	**Hymn 462**
The Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13
The Sermon	Father Ackerman
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III	BCP 387
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Nicene Creed	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	*Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	**Hymn 380**
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	**Hymn S131**
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	**Hymn S163**
Communion Hymn 1	**Hymn 53**
Communion Hymn 2	**Hymn 324**
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Procession Hymn	**Hymn 454**
Dismissal	BCP 366

All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

TODAY'S READINGS

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.

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm 70 **S411**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



[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.

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.

Matthew 25:1-13

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."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Matt Pride	10:30 AM: Steven & Victoria Tumbleson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Ashton Shelton
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Lisa Dye	10:30 AM: Bobby Straub
Acolytes		10:30 AM: Kathy Landis, Leo Salerno, Claire McCalpin, Parker Tubb
Media Ministry	Ann Stewart	
Flower Rearranger	Kathy Landis	
Flower Deliverer	Pat Price, Jason McCalpin	
Vestry Person of the Day	Alex Adams	

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