St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✠ DECATUR, ALABAMA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 15, 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	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
The Psalm	Psalm 90:1-8, 12
The Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
The Sermon	Father Van Horn
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 680**
Dismissal	BCP 339

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude	
Processional Hymn	**Hymn 632**

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	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm	Psalm 90:1-8, 12
The Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession	**Hymn 655**
The Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
The Sermon	Father Van Horn
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 9**
Communion Hymn 2	**Hymn 490**
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Procession Hymn	**Hymn 680**
Dismissal	BCP 366
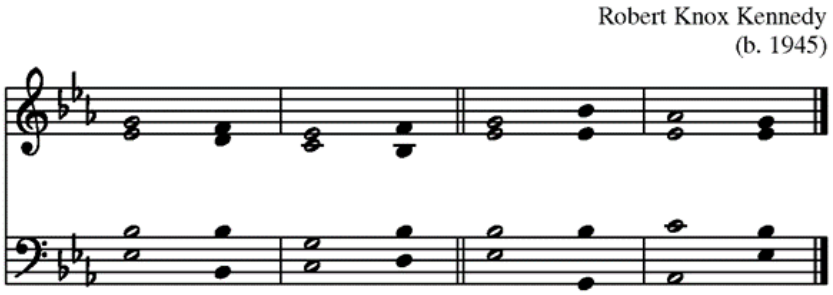
All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire 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
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 **S411**



[1] Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

[2] Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

[5] You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

[6] In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7] For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful
indignation.

[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.

*[12] So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will

come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Rip Nance	10:30 AM: Kathy Landis, Rhonda Buckley
Lectors	8:00 AM: Linda Miller	10:30 AM: Sarah Edman
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Grant Thompson	10:30 AM: Dodie Hall
Acolytes		10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Sully Nickels, Piper Nickels, Anna Claire Payne
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Mary McKimmon	
Flower Deliverer	Danny & Janet Morgan	
Vestry Person of the Day	Rob Getman	

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