# St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✠ DECATUR, ALABAMA

## LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING
## NOVEMBER 22, 2025

# 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

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| Opening Acclamation | BCP 323 |
| The Collect for Purity | BCP 323 |
| Gloria | **Hymn S202** |
| The Collect of the Day | |
| The First Lesson | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20 24 |
| The Psalm | Psalm 95:1-7a |
| The Second Lesson | Ephesians 1:15-23 |
| The Gospel | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| 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

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| 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 544** |
| Dismissal | BCP 339 |

# 10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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| Organ Prelude | |
| Processional Hymn | **Hymn 451** |

## THE WORD OF GOD

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| Opening Acclamation | BCP 355 |
| The Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
| Gloria | **Hymn S278** |
| The Collect of the Day | |
| The First Lesson | Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20 24 |
| Psalm | Psalm 95:1-7a |
| The Second Lesson | Ephesians 1:15-23 |
| Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession | **Hymn 377** |
| The Gospel | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| 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

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| 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 382** |
| Communion Hymn 2 | **Hymn 609** |
| The Post Communion Prayer | BCP 365 |
| The Blessing | BCP 366 |
| Procession Hymn | **Hymn 544** |
| 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

**Psalm 95:1-7a** **S411**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



[1] Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

[2] Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

[3] For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

[4] In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

[6] Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

*[7] For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Ephesians 1:15-23**
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Matthew 25:31-46**
Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## SERVING TODAY

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| **Ushers** | 8:00 AM: D Hall | 10:30 AM: Nadine Moebes, Eliza Wilder |
| **Lectors** | 8:00 AM: Bobby Greene | 10:30 AM: Alex Adams |
| **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** | 8:00 AM: Bynum Rogers | 10:30 AM: Betty Weaver |
| **Acolytes** | | 10:30 AM: Jake Wilder, Anne Hatcher Thompson, Gus Greenbaum |
| **Media Ministry** | Jason McCalpin | |
| **Flower Rearranger** | Ann Stewart | |
| **Flower Deliverer** | Ann Stewart | |
| **Vestry Person of the Day** | Nora Hall | |

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