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St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

November 8, 2026 | 11:15 am

Welcome to St. John's. Please participate in our service at your own level of comfort. The congregation's responses are in ***bold.***

A special welcome to those who are guests of our congregation this morning. We are glad you are here, and we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul. We invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be given to one of the clergy or an usher at the end of the service.

We use four books in our worship:
The Book of Common Prayer *(red, hardcover)*
The Hymnal 1982 *(blue, hardcover)*
Wonder, Love & Praise *(green, softcover)*
Lift Every Voice and Sing II *(red and black, hardcover)*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S
Children are an active, vital part of the St. John's community, and they are always welcome in worship. Nursery care is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on the lower level. Children ages 3 to 11 are invited to Children's Church for the first half of the service. All professional staff and volunteers who work with children and youth are Safe Church-trained, and parents may observe children's and youth ministry at any time.

To center yourself before worship, you may wish to use this prayer:

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Voluntary

Welcome *seated*

Opening Hymn *standing as you are able*

Children are invited to Children's Church. They will return in time for communion.

Opening Acclamation *standing as you are able* *Book of Common Prayer,* p. 413

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day *standing as you are able*

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
The Bishop prays the collect.
People **Amen.**

First Reading *seated*

Reader A reading from...
After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *seated*

Second Reading *seated*

Reader A reading from...
After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *standing as you are able*

Gospel *standing as you are able*

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon *standing as you are able*

Hymn at the Procession *standing as you are able*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP, p. 415

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenter I present these persons for Confirmation.
I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant BCP, p. 416

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence is kept. BCP, p. 418

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

For Confirmation

BCP, p. 418

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of *her* life. **Amen**.

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen**.

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen**.

After all have been confirmed or received, the Bishop prays

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Peace

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

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Online Giving

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Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence *seated*

Offertory Music *seated*

Presentation Hymn *standing as you are able*

The Great Thanksgiving *standing as you are able* *Enriching Our Worship,* Prayer 2

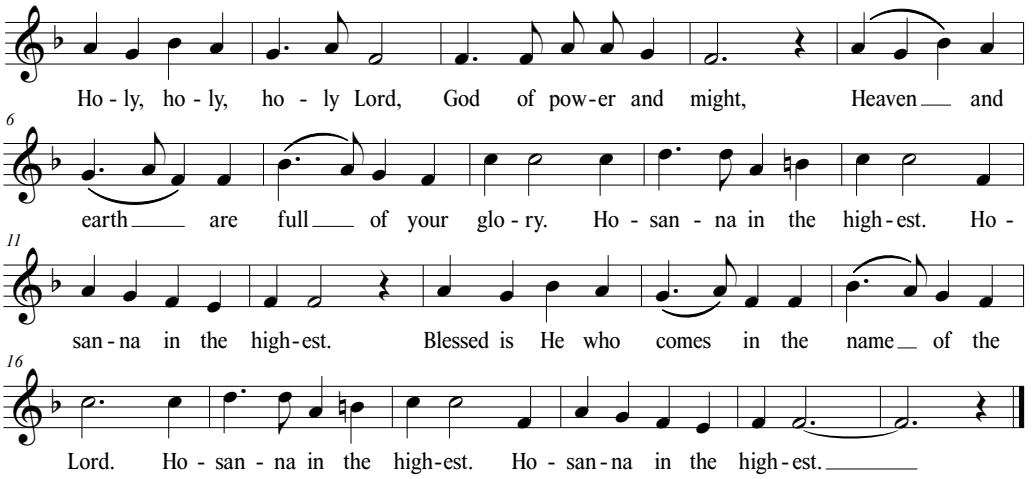
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy *standing as you are able* Richard Proulx



Bishop Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

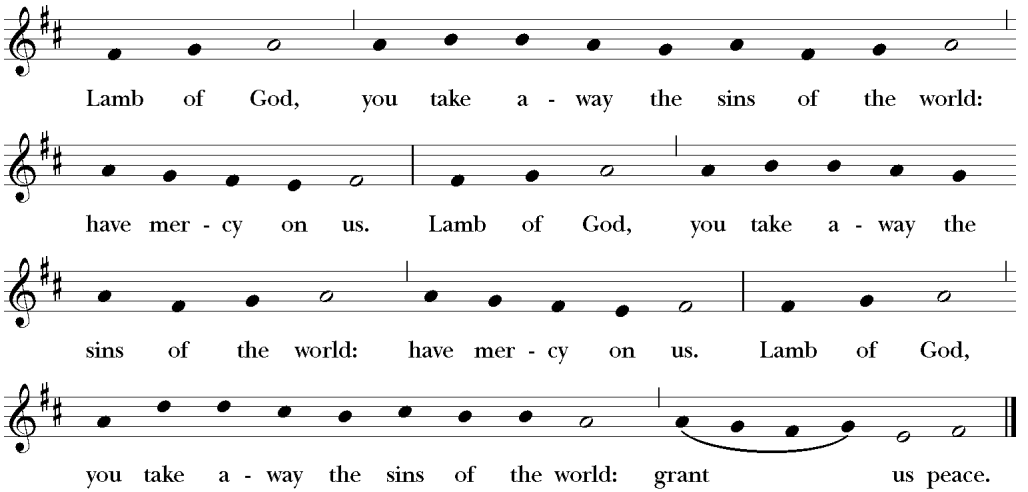
Bishop As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

Fraction Anthem S161 *standing as you are able* David Hurd



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

In the Episcopal Church, anyone who is baptized, no matter what church they were baptized in or how old they are, is welcome to meet Jesus in the bread and wine. Baptized children may receive communion as soon as they can eat solid food, as their parents wish. Come forward to the altar rail when the ushers indicate it is your turn. To receive the bread, extend your hands in front of you for the priest to place a wafer in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you wish to receive the wine, drink directly from the chalice. Please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest. Communion can be brought to you at your seat; just let an usher know. Receiving neither a blessing nor communion is always an option, as well. To learn more about baptism, please speak with Gia or David.

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able* *Enriching Our Worship,* p. 70

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing *standing as you are able*

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *standing as you are able*

Dismissal *standing as you are able*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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