



A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Holy Eucharist

Rite II, Prayer A

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Straight and gay, rich and poor, and every color and age, St John's is a place of Radical Kindness, warm and open Christ-Followers who celebrate God's grace and love and cherish one another. We are proud and grateful to serve as a "neighborhood church" for the tri-cities: College Park, East Point and Hapeville. Everyone needs a place to be cherished. We invite you to make St John's yours!

Opening Hymn : *O God our Help in Ages Past*- **Hymnal 680**

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever, AMEN.

COLLECT FOR PURITY- *Celebrant and People*

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 OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are vocal parts (Soprano and Alto/Tenors) with lyrics: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The third staff is piano accompaniment with lyrics: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me." The fourth staff is a vocal part with lyrics: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING:

Hope King

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Michael Proscia

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN- All STAND- You have Grounded my Soul

You have ground-ed my soul deep - ly in you, O God; ___

Drone
Om

___ and I am end - less - ly trea - - - sured. ___

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

HOMILY –The Rev. Tim Black

THE CREED

All stand.

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

Sherran Davis

Prayers of the People

Friends, the Lord has been our refuge from one generation to another. Let us pray to our God, saying, "Show your servants your works, O Lord, *and be gracious to us.*"

For what and for Whom do we give thanks today?

You are invited to add your thanksgivings, out loud or silently

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Give bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders gentle and loving hearts. Empower us to share the gospel and ourselves with those in need.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for the leaders of our community, especially those who work in schools. Bless our school partner, Liberation Academy, and its parents, staff, faculty and students. Inspire them to greater learning and wisdom.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for all humankind. Prosper the work of our hands. May all those who work earn a fair wage. May those without work find strength and encouragement in your love. Give us hearts to respect the dignity of every human being.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for all creation. You brought forth the mountains. You gave birth to the land and the earth. Give us the desire and will to care for all you have made.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for the areas in which we live. O God, we want to obey what you command. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for the afflicted and the suffering. And we pray for those who weep and mourn. Nurse them back to health as a mother tenderly nurses her children. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Daniel Hudson, Anthony Halston, Caroline Edwards, Mother Pauline Samuel, Bill Jones, Sylvia and Tom Pflieger and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord, *And be gracious to us.*

We pray for those who have died. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us. We pray today for: Sandra Dorsey.

Silence

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: 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 us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:

*There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts with praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

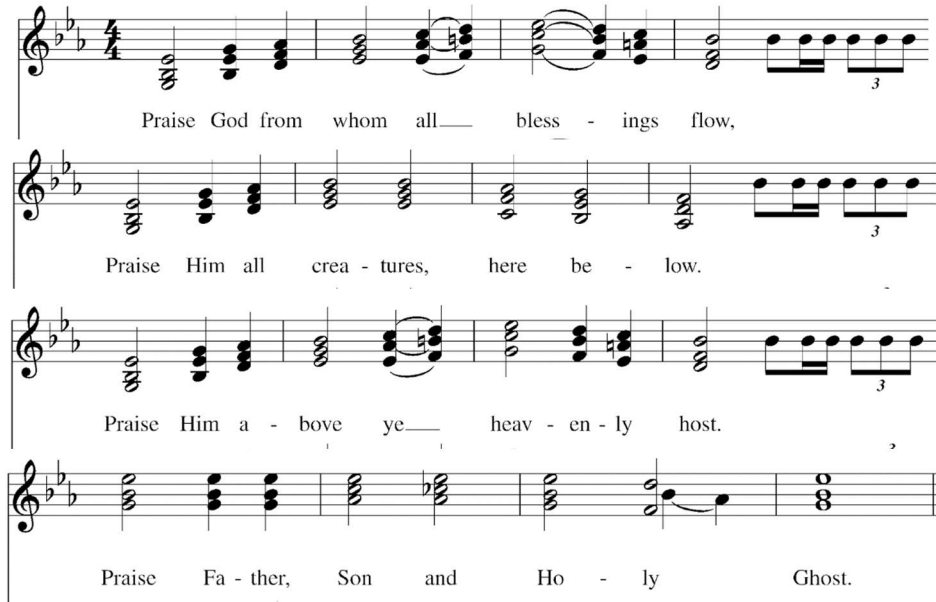
The Celebrant says:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2.

OFFERTORY MUSIC- Psalm 151- melody, Leonard Cohen- Hallelujah Lisa Norton-Rotella

The congregation stands as the offerings are presented during the singing of the Doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all — bless - ings flow,
Praise Him all crea - tures, here be - low.
Praise Him a - bove ye — heav - en - ly host.
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

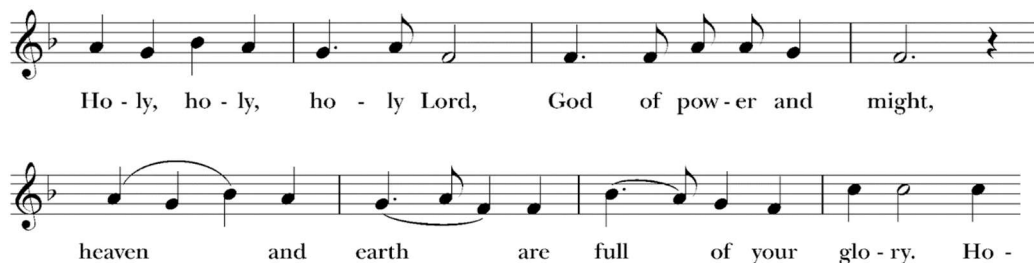
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The celebrant will sing the pitch, after which the congregation and celebrant will sing the Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second staff contains the melody for 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. Christ stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night Christ was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Christ took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *AMEN*. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The celebrant will sing the starting pitch, after which, we sing:

People and Celebrant

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

We share communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire the common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you prefer intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.

COMMUNION HYMN--The King of Love my Shepherd Is- 645- (Blue hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, 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 - *The Priest blesses the people:* Life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make this journey with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who made us, who loves us, who travels with us, be with you, now and forever. AMEN.

POST COMMUNION HYMN- *Immortal, Invisible- Hymnal 423 (Blue hymnal)*

Priest: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PARISH NOTES

Wednesday Night Supper November 1 from 5:30-7:00. Join your parish family and others for dinner starting at 5:30. Please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org to let us know if you are planning to join us.

Bible study will be in person and on zoom 7-800 this week. Use the same zoom as Sunday morning worship. We are reading through Genesis and will finish with it in November, followed by an Advent study of the three nativity stories. For more information, consult the weekly newsletter.

Sunday, November 5th we will Celebrate the Feast of All Saints aka "All Saints Sunday." A part of our observance will be praying for all who have died. If you have people whose names you would like to be read during the prayers, please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org by Tuesday October 31, 2023.

We will also be celebrating the gifts of all the Saints of St. John's through an after-church discussion and activity.

Finally, we will be kicking off our stewardship campaign for 2024. Please begin thinking about what you can give financially to St. John's in addition to the gifts you would like to share with the community. We are able to form our budget and mission for each year better when you turn in pledges. If you have not pledged before, please consider pledging for 2024. If you pledged in 2024, consider giving a little bit more.

November 12 – announcement – see email

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukh furgD8>

Subscribe to Eagle Notes: To sign up, please email us at info@stjohnscollegepark.org or go to our website homepage, scroll to the bottom of the page and hit the “sign up for our newsletter” link.

Online Prayers:

Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

“Second Cup” -an online hangout space for St. John’s parishioners
Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

Give by Texting- You can use your phone’s text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message.** You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday October 29, 2023</p> <p>Readers: Hope King & Michael Proscia Prayers of the People: Sherran Davis Verger: Lisa Norton-Rotella Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black Church Administrator: Terry Glover</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vestry</p> <p>Daniel Hudson, Hospitality Archie Polk, Evangelism Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden Val Valverde, Worship & Music Sherran Davis, Clerk Richard Pflieger, Treasurer</p>
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St. Jonathan Daniels felt called to use his gifts for organizing and advocacy. He was martyred on August 20, 1965, when he shielded a group of young people from a shotgun blast. We give thanks for the self-giving love of God evident in his life and work on behalf of others.

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. 1 Cor. 12:4-7

The church needs your gifts to be The Body of Christ. Since we all are God's Saints here on earth we are called to make God known through self-giving love. There are all kinds of gifts, but it we must have financial gifts from Saints like you for the church to be active in mission and ministry. When you commit to a yearly pledge, you become a part of the mission and ministry of St. John's. You are joining with all the Saints by putting your love for God and God's beautiful, broken world into action. If you have never pledged before, consider making your first pledge. If you have pledged in previous years, pray about making a slightly larger pledge. We Saints can make a tremendous difference in our community by making Jesus' love known to the Tri-Cities and beyond by putting together our gifts into "one body" as God's Church.

Father Tim+

THE GIFTS OF THE SAINTS

Your pledge empowers our ministry & ministry.

My Yearly pledge \$ _____

To be paid: Weekly __ Monthly __ Yearly __

Signature _____

Drop your completed pledge card in the offering plate or turn in to the church office by November 12th.

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