



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 2023+Holy Eucharist+ Rite II

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!

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The Word of God

OPENING HYMN- *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - **Blue Hymnal 494**

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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 forever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Carol Nebeel

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 100- Said together.

1. Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
2. Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hope King

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.

Reader : The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

All stand for the singing of the hymn and reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn- Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise (Blue Hymnal 243)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:31-46 (CEB)

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left. "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.' "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily- The Rev. Tim Black

THE NICENE CREED: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mike Spring

Siblings-in-Christ, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray saying, "Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy."

Lord God, you have destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

Lord God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn: Hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

Lord God, you rule the day and the night: Bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

Lord God, you are enthroned in the heavens: may we trust not our own schemes but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our city and its leaders in all justice and truth.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

Lord God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. Bless all who are in any need or trouble. Today we pray for Eleanor Buchanan, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Melissa Brady, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Richard Pflieger, Mike Spring, Vicky Tucker, Daniel Hudson and former president Jimmy Carter.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

Lord God, your Son Jesus died for us that we might dwell in your light forever: give to the dying and the dead the hope of salvation. Today we pray for Rosalynn Carter. We also pray for all who have died in places of violent conflict, especially all those in Israel and Palestine and Ukraine.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

THE CONFESSION

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

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

People: And also with you.

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.*

HOMILY – *The Rev. Tim Black*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

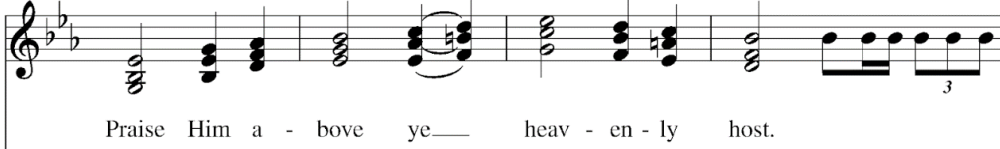
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN-At the Name of Jesus- verses 1-4- Blue Hymnal 435

The congregation stands as the offering is brought forward


Praise God from whom all — bless - ings flow,

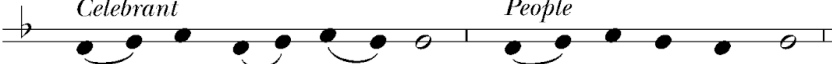

Praise Him all crea - tures, here be - low.



Praise Him a - bove ye — heav - en - ly host.

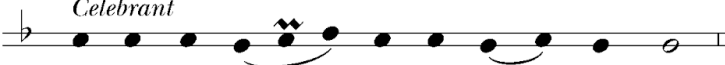

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

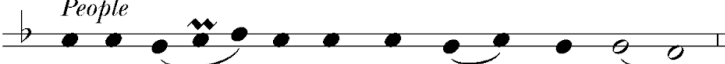
The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 by water and the Holy

Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

Celebrant:

Celebrant and People- *The cantor will sing the starting pitch and the congregation can join in accompanied by the shruti box.*



The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues: 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 maker 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 he 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 Christ 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 many 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, Almighty 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 opening pitch, after which the congregation and celebrant will sing The Lord's Prayer accompanied by the Shruti Box

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.

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 drinking from the common cup. For common cup, hold out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine or put your hands in a prayer position for a blessing. If you desire healing prayers, simply remain at the rail after receiving communion and the priest or a healing minister will pray with you.

COMMUNION HYMN- Let us Break Bread Together- Blue Hymnal 325

The people stand or kneel, as able:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

The Priest blesses the people: The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN : *Rejoice the Lord is King!* (Darwall)



- 1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!
- 2. Je - sus, the Sa - vior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
- 3. His king-dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
- 4. Re - joice in glo rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph e - ver -
 When He has purged our stains, He took his seat a -
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus
 And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal



more. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 bove; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
 joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
 joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
 joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Hymnary.org

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

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

We premiere St. John's new graphics today- Our new main graphic on the cover refers to decor in our chapel (now hospitality suite). The overall style blends in with the neighborhood's art-deco/ "mid-century" feel and the vines are symbolic of our mission to be a connecting, "neighborhood church." Thanks to Patricia Babuka and Point B Agency for this "outward sign" of the work we are doing to re-develop and recreate our church. As we end this year and move into the next, look for more new graphics and strategic work.

Please send in your financial pledges for 2024. Fill out a pledge card at church or download one on our homepage at www.stjohnscollegepark.org. Everyone on the mailing list got a pledge card in the mail, but if you need another please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org and we will send you one.

We will be collecting gifts for Emmaus House Through December 17. We are focusing our efforts on gifts for teens. To take part, scan the QR code and fill out the form indicating which gift(s) you will bring in OR get an ornament from the tree and turn in during offertory. Bring your gifts to the church office Tues-Thurs. 10-2 or Sunday Morning. To join in this wonderful ministry, contact Hope King at booksandbatty@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Supper takes a break this week and returns at 530 on 11/29

Bible Study is Off This Week for Thanksgiving and then we will have one more week with Genesis. December 6 and 13 we will be doing a comparative study of the two birth accounts found in Matthew and Luke.

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Online Prayer and Fellowship Groups: “Second Cup” – fellowship time- Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM - Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

<p>Sunday November 26, 2023 Readers: Carol Nebeel & Hope King Prayers of the People: Mike Spring Verger: Michael Proscia Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black Church Administrator: Terry Glover</p>	<p>Vestry 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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