



## St. James's Episcopal Church

Thanksgiving Day  
November 25, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

### Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Prelude:** Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Hymn 433:** *Kremser*, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing"

### The Word of God

#### Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Common Prayer* 355

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*  
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.*

#### Gloria in excelsis S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament: Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 100 (sung to *Old Hundredth*)

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The congregation remains seated while singing the Psalm.*

*All*            All people that on earth do dwell  
                 sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
                 him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
                 come ye before him and rejoice.

*All*            The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
                 without our aid he did us make:  
                 we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
                 and for his sheep he doth us take.

*Choir*      O enter then his gates with praise,  
                approach with joy his courts unto;  
                praise, laud, and bless his Name always,  
                for it is seemly so to do.

*Choir*      For why? the Lord our God is good,  
                his mercy is for ever sure;  
                his truth at all times firmly stood,  
                and shall from age to age endure.

*All*          To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
                the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
                from men and from the angel host  
                be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

### **Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **Hymn 291:** *Wir pflugen*, “We plow the fields”

### **Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-33

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                according to Matthew.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. John McCard

## **Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

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.

## **Litany of Thanksgiving**

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Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
revealing the image of Christ,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering  
and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises  
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

*To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Collects**

### **Peace**

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

## **Greeting**

## **The Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.*

## **Offering of Gifts and Praise**

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Anthem: O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing  
to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:  
they will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper Thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Hymn 288 (v.1): *Dix*, “Praise to God, immortal praise”

Praise to God, immortal praise,  
for the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous source of every joy,  
let thy praise our tongues employ;  
all to thee, our God, we owe,  
source whence all our blessings flow.

Hymn 717 (v.1, 4): *America* “Our father’s God, to thee”

## Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* 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.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
(*The Celebrant continues with the Preface for the day.*)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People may kneel or stand, as is their custom.*

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread and S155**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



## Music at Communion

Anthem: We wait for thy loving kindness

William McKie

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:  
In the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.  
O God, according to thy Name,  
So is thy praise unto the world's end.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Alleluia.  
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:  
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Hymn: I vow to thee, my country

Gustav Holst

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Hymn 309: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, "O food to pilgrims given"

## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

*The People join in saying the Postcommunion Prayer, kneeling as able.*

*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.

## Blessing

**Hymn 290:** *St. George's, Windsor*, "Come, ye thankful people, come"

## **Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Nun danket alle Gott

J. S. Bach, Arr. Virgil Fox

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Elsie Evans Ruehrmund.*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Assisting:* Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

*Lector:* Randy Ellis

*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* Bennette Burks

*Musicians:* Parish Choir

*Soloist:* Chris Rock

*Organist:* Charles Lindsey

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