

St. James's Episcopal Church

Thanksgiving Day
November 22, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude: Trumpet Fanfare

Jean Mouret

Hymn 433: *Kremsler*, "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

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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.*

Lesson: 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.

Lesson: 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 Luke.
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 Laura Inscoc

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.

Dedication of Banner

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

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 always 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"

Hymn 717 (v.4): *America* "Our father's God, to thee"

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*)

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.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 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 Jesus 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 Fraction Anthem S155

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

*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.*

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.

Anthem: 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

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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: La Rejoissance from *Fireworks Suite* George Frideric Handel

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

Worship Participants

Preacher	The Reverend Laura Inscoc
Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. John McCard
Deacon	The Reverend Hilary Streever
Assisting Priest	The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Wayne, Fontaine Williamson
Lectors	Melissa Silver, Alice Campbell
Director of Music	Dr. Mark A. Whitmire
Organist	Charles Lindsey
Choir	Parish Choir
Soloist	Chris Rock
Trumpets	Susan Rider, Andy Wilson
Video Squad	W. Simms
Usher Team 1	John Daniel, Team Leader; Edward B. Baldwin Tom Brown, Elliott Harrigan, Bill Londrey John Palen, Philip Sprinkle, Mignon Tucker Charlie Whitaker; Harry Turton, Chief Usher
Acolytes	Lilly Hallock, Crucifer, James Kulp, Clergy Cross George Kulp, Katherine Williamson, Virginia Angle Alice Hallock; Mary Kulp, Adult Leader Robin Jager and Sarah Hubard, Acolyte Masters
Altar Guild Team 5	Mary Waller Fergusson, Group Leader Frances Aylor, Katheryn Surface Burks Kitsie Garland, Anita Towell, and Betsy Trow Lucy Meade and Debbie Meigs, Altar Guild Co-Chairs