

# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 27

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

November 10, 2024 Year B

10:30 AM

\* indicates please stand

**Prelude** Rhosymedre  
St. John's Ringers

R. V. Williams (1872–1958)  
arr. D. Wagner

**\*Processional Hymn** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (*Ratisbon*)

**Hymnal #7**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

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**

**Hymnal #S-278**

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 127***Sung by the choir****Nisi Dominus***

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed  
so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of  
them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the  
gate.

**The Epistle Reading****Hebrews 9:24–28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.*****\*Gradual** Awake, O Sleeper (*Marsh Chapel*)**Hymnal #547 vv. 1–3****\*The Gospel Reading****Mark 12:38–44**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.*****\*Sequence** Awake, O Sleeper (*Marsh Chapel*)**Hymnal #547 vv. 4–5****The Sermon****The Rev. Kit Tobin**

### **\*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.*

### **\*The Prayers of the People**

We pray from a posture of spiritual poverty, emptying ourselves in anticipation of God's fulfilling love, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ That we may freely and generously give to the common purse of the Church, believing in its witness and message, participating in its health and growth, reflecting the joy of the poor widow and her extraordinary gift; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ For a heart of hospitality, that the Church may welcome the stranger and visitor, offering hope and renewal to those who thirst for spiritual refreshment, knowing that Jesus is present in those we least expect; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal; may it strengthen our resolve to put bread on all the tables of the world; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ For interfaith dialogue with those of other traditions, that we may be open to the insights they hold without compromising the rich heritage of our Christian faith; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ That seeds of peace may be planted in every family, tribe, and nation and nurtured into the fruitfulness that announces the coming of God's kingdom; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ For those who have died, that they may enter their eternal joy; and for those who grieve for them, that they might find comfort in the midst of their tears; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

With Ruth and Naomi, and all our ancestors in the faith, let us continue our prayers.

Almighty God of mercy and compassion, you sent your Son Jesus to teach us the things that make for peace; help the leaders of this world to lay down their weapons of war. Help those who make decisions on behalf of the people of Israel and of Gaza to safeguard human life and flourishing and turn away from death and destruction. Help us living in the US to use our liberty and safety to speak on behalf of those who live in deprivation and danger, and save us from denial and complicity in the evils we deplore, and as we labor, give comfort, strength, and safety to all of your children in the land we call Holy. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Joan	Jim	Sarah	Susan	Lisa	Cheryl	Olivia
Charles	Gerald	Avery	Jeff	Ira	Isabella	Roger
Wes	Cece	Jane	Mary Beth	Jan	Shawn	Sara
Virginia	Lorraine	Chris	Jack	Nick	Rebekah	Denis
Shirley	Edith	Carole	Julianne	Ann	Libby	Roxanne
Linda	Kathryn	Amelia	Jack	David	Joanne	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Melissa Gallison, David Blanton, Aaron Wagner, Lynne Saulsbury,  
Susan Backstrom, Benjamin Wagner

### **Confession Of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **\*The Peace**

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

## Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

**Anthem** Ave verum corpus William Byrd (1540–1623)

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy on me. *Amen.*

**\*Presentation Hymn** Rise Up, Ye Saints of God! (*Festal Song*) **Hymnal #551**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving** Expanded Language Prayer A

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* 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:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*) **Hymnal #S-128**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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.

Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Fraction Anthem

Michael McCarthy (b. 1955)

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer or you may drink from the common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## Communion Music Humbly I Adore Thee (*Adore devote*)

**Hymnal #314**

## Post Communion

*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

### \*Recessional Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*Nettleton*)

**Hymnal #686**

## Dismissal

### Postlude Prelude in E minor

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

### Acolyte: Chris Way

**Liturgical Ministers:** Susan Backstrom, Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

**Virtual Vergers** Michael Roman, John Jackson

*This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Peter Hedrick by Libby Hedrick*

*The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are Given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Patricia and Walter Talbott by Pamela Talbott.*

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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***Forward Day by Day*** for **November, December, and January** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Please Join Us** for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.

**Free Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* at Cinemapolis** sponsored by St. John's vestry  
Thursday, November 14th at 6 pm, 120 East Green St, Ithaca, NY 14850 607-277-6115  
<https://www.cinemapolis.org/now-showing>

**Candles and Flowers:** If you wish to give candles or Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please call the church office (607-273-6532).



# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Hymns

#### **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

*(Ratisbon)*

**Hymnal #7**

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph over shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear!

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
as they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

#### **Awake, O Sleeper (*Marsh Chapel*)**

**Hymnal #547**

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love—its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.

2 To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.

3 There is one Body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,  
one Father of us all.

4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that he might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.

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#### **Rise Up, Ye Saints of God! (*Festal Song*)**

**Hymnal #551**

1 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
Have done with lesser things,  
give heart and soul and mind and strength  
to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God!  
His kingdom tarries long:  
Lord, bring the day of truth and love  
and end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod;  
and quickened by the Spirit's power,  
rise up, ye saints of God!

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#### **Humbly I Adore Thee (*Adore devote*)**

**Hymnal #314**

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows  
mean;  
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is  
bowed,  
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the  
cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee  
fail;  
faith that comes by hearing, pierces through  
the veil.  
I believe whatever the Son of God hath told;  
what the truth hath spoken, that for truth I  
hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own  
death;  
living bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word  
foretold;  
face to face thy splendour, I at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

**Come, Thou Fount of Ever Blessing**  
**(Nettleton)**  
**Hymnal #686**

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.