

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | Walpole, NH
All are welcome – no exceptions – to worship, love, serve & grow.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

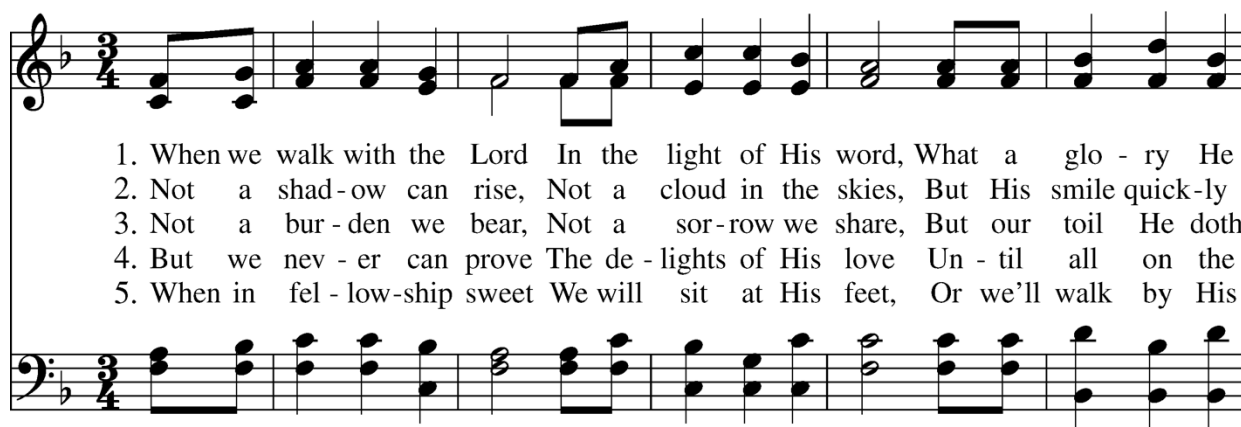
Sunday, October 4, 2026 | Proper 22

PRELUDE *Impromptu op.90#3 by F. Schubert*

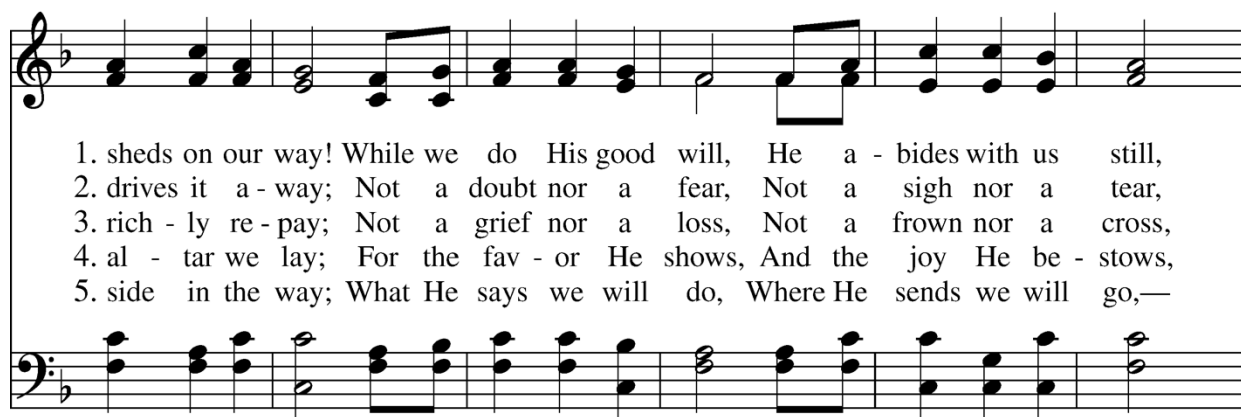
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD



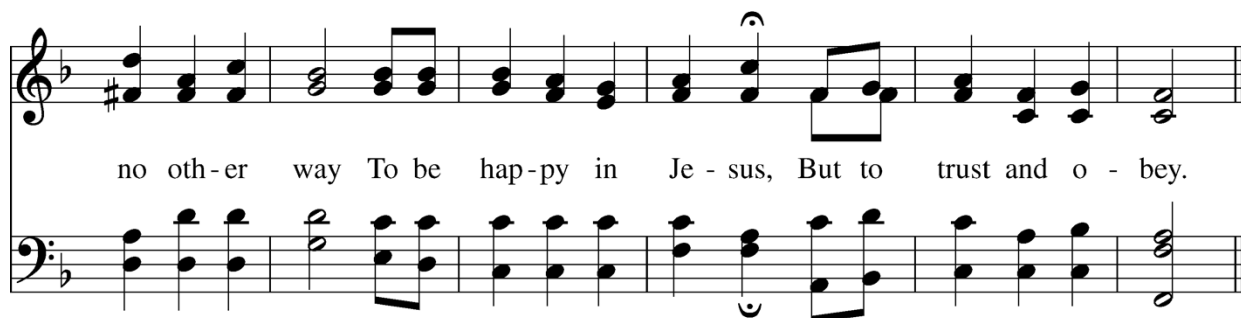
1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His word, What a glo - ry He
 2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
 3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
 4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
 5. When in fel - low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



1. sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
 2. drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
 3. rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
 4. al - tar we lay; For the fav - or He shows, And the joy He be - stows,
 5. side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,—



1. And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 2. Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
 3. But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 4. Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 5. Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth-er way To be hap-py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

All stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy glorious and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

We pray in unison:

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-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**

and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;**

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,**

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,

and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

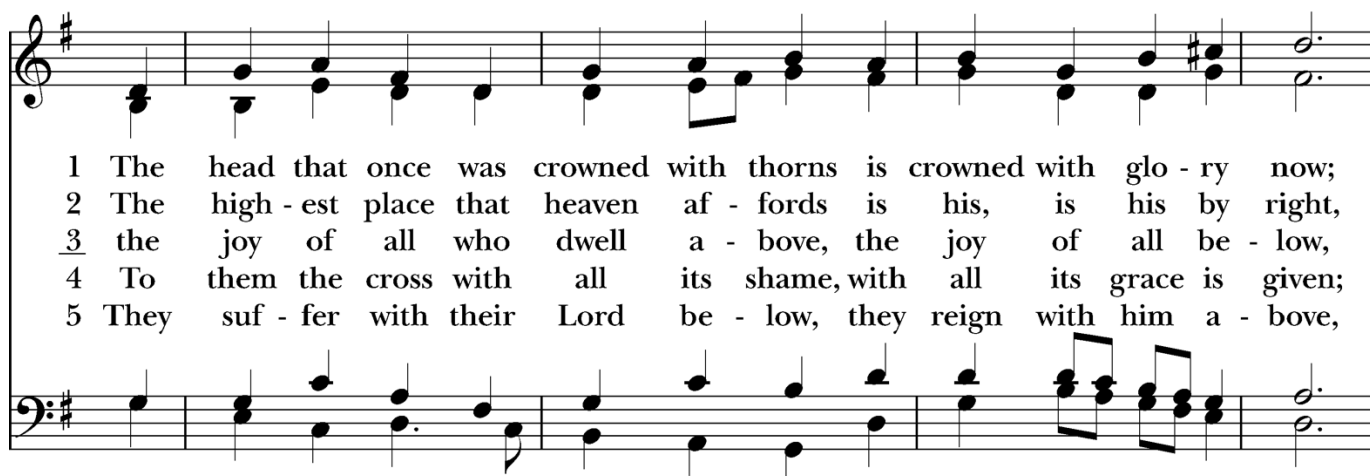
^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

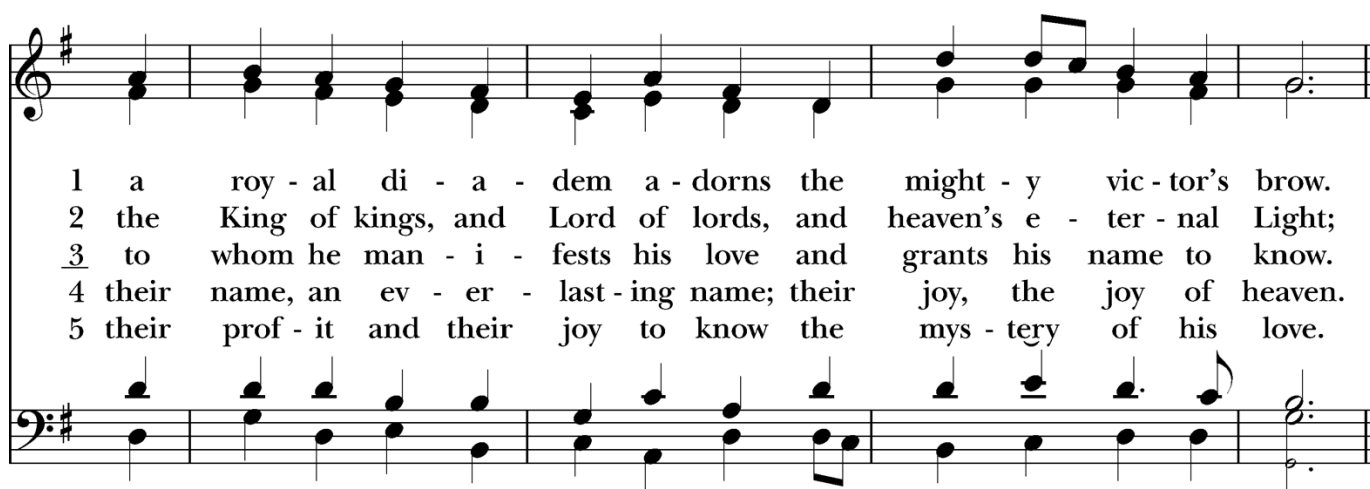
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

People stand to hear the gospel.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Fred Chisolm

THE CREED

After a time of reflection, all stand as you are able. We recite in unison:

**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

The LEM and the People pray responsively. All remain standing as you are able.

Dear Household of God, the law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul! So let us appeal to our Lord God, saying, "Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer."

Loving God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be distracted by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

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O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you command us to keep a holy Sabbath: make us generous stewards of this planet that it may be renewed and refreshed.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this region.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you desire that your people be not afraid: Pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus the Christ especially these members and friends of our parish: Al & Patti Sparks, Beth & Josh, Betty Williams, Bob Lindberg, Danielle & Jake Horihan and their families, Erik Lindberg, Heydi Manchame, Janice Sykes, Jeanne Phillips, Karen (Kathie Clark's sister), Kathy DePasquale, Luke Styer, Niomi Stanley, Pam Stevens, Peggy Pschirrer, Rebecca Cooper, Rick Zurmuhlen (Kristi's and Karlie's father), and Sara Crosby.

You may add your petitions and thanksgivings either aloud or in silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Loving God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son.

Silence

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

All stand. People may greet one another from their seats.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

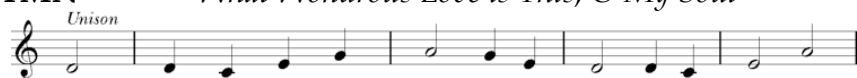
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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DOXOLOGY

All stand.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

The People stand or kneel.

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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,

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

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you wish a blessing, instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Vladimir Odinokikh

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

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scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Allegro from concerto in C major by J. Ernst of Saxe-Weimar*

Vladimir Odinokikh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

Working Together at St. John's

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
<i>Rector:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark The Rev. David Gilliam	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark The Rev. David Gilliam
<i>Organist:</i>	Vladimir Odinokikh	Vladimir Odinokikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Bill Reed	Alison Chisolm
<i>LEM</i>	Joe Cuoco	Sarah Downing
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Audrey Henderson	Audre Henderson
<i>Flowers</i>	Kris Tyson	Taylor Royle
<i>Ushers</i>	Mairin Keleher & Richard Henderson	Drew Scott & Bill Tyson
<i>Hospitality</i>	Bill & Lynne Reed	Alison Chisolm
<i>Counters</i>	Alison Brule &	Chas Street & Marilyn Wilking

Outreach Meeting Today

The Outreach Committee will meet today after the service in the library to discuss plans for the rest of this year and the future.

Sara Would Love a Visit

Sara Crosby is currently at Pine Heights, a rehabilitation center located at 187 Oak Grove Avenue in Brattleboro. She would be very glad to receive visits from members of the parish. Please call or text Sara at 802-591-0721 ahead of time to arrange a convenient time to visit. .

Ashuelot Concerts for October – coming up!

Sunday, October 4 at 3:00pm | The Dublin School - Louise Shonk Kelly Recital Hall, Dublin NH

The outstanding Sitkovetsky Trio will arrive on stage for the Ashuelot Concerts October chamber performances featuring works by Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Schumann. Hope you will be able to us for one of these!

Tickets may be ordered online at www.ashuelotconcerts.org. Arriving with some time to spare will provide for best seating! Contact Alison Brule for additional information. Both sites have accessible entry points.

Meet and Greet with Bishop Candidates & Share Your Opinion with the St. John's Delegation

The Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire is actively searching for its 11th bishop to succeed the retiring Bishop Rob Hirschfeld. The electing convention is on October 24, 2026. You can read about the candidates on this website: <https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/>

Please consider attending one of these Meet and Greet sessions to meet the candidates.

- Holderness School, Holderness - Thursday, October 8, 3 pm
- Christ Church, Exeter - Friday, October 9, 6 pm
- St. Paul's School, Concord - Saturday, October 10, 3 pm – FULL (No further registrations accepted.)

YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. Register here: <https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/meet-and-greets>. If you cannot attend in person, please visit the website for information about virtual options.

After reading the information about each candidate and/or hearing one of the meet and greet opportunities, please know that you can give your opinion to one of our delegates who will be doing the actual voting at convention. (Clergy vote separately from lay leaders. Both must agree on candidate.) Our delegates are Drew Street, Kathie Clark, and Chuck Loomis. You may also share with Jane Loomis or Marilyn Wilking, the alternates.

CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, October 10th | 9:15 am

With less than a week to go before the walk on Saturday, October 10, we find ourselves behind our goals and indeed, far behind last year.

St. John's folks and friends raised over \$5000 last year. We are at \$1890 presently. The other churches are also behind. These are difficult times financially plus many competing campaigns requesting money. If you have intended to make a donation, kindly do so. If you can ask family or friends to help, that would be great. (You can "join" the team without walking, but easily send a request to others from the team page.) And do come walk, if only a block. Thank you.

Scan the QR code to the right or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org>

- Join the team by typing "Walpole" in the white Search icon near the top and choosing St. John's Team OR
- Make a donation by clicking on the orange button in the box on the right hand side of the page.



Let's Golf Together!

We are planning to have a golf outing for the St. John's community at Hooper this fall - no golf experience (or even clubs)! If you are interested: please fill out the this Google form:

<https://forms.gle/Yrs2iEMtB8VnzvQ66> to let us know what days/times you are available. If you have any questions please reach out to Josh Beer - jlbeer8@gmail.com

Halloween outreach

If anyone would like to volunteer to help at the St. John's booth for Walpole's annual Halloween celebration this year, please get in touch with Taylor and Martin at taylorroyle@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars for a Celebratory Lunch at the Church

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | Parish Hall

Hosted by Bob and Maryann Lindberg

Bob and Maryann Lindberg will be hosting a luncheon for the congregation after church on Sunday, Nov 8, to celebrate together his two-year graduation from the transplant program, and to thank everyone for all their support. Closer to the event we'll put out a sign-up so we know how many people will be attending, but for now, please just mark it on your calendars. The Lindbergs will be providing all of the food, though - no pot-luck!

Fill Your Red Bag for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf

All parishioners are invited to take a “Red Bag” (a red cloth shopping bag with St. John’s name on it) and fill it with items for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf every month. During October, the requested items are Canned meats (tuna, & chicken), Pasta, Rice, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar). Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

While the Fruit Is in Season...

Now is the perfect time to start making jams, jellies, and other preserves for our Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 21! Not a jam-maker? You can get a head start by baking and freezing cookies or preparing another favorite handmade item.

Our Rector: The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at rector@StJohnsWalpole.org.

St. John’s Vestry 2026: Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Lisa Cuoco (Treasurer), Alison Brule (Clerk), Josh Beer, Mairin Keleher, John Proctor. Both wardens may be reached at info@StJohnsWalpole.org