

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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | Proper 24

PRELUDE

Vladimir Odinokikh

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

779

The church of Christ in every age

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man i - ty.
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Exodus 33:12-23

People may be seated while the Lector reads.

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 99

Lector and people read responsively by whole verse

¹The LORD is King; let the people tremble.

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

⁴**“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica:

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

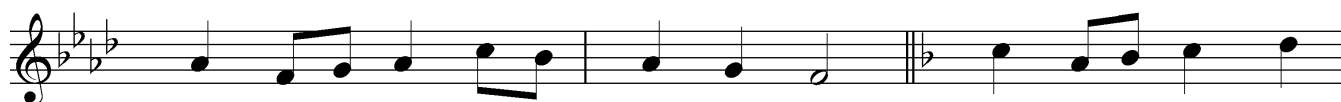
Hymnal 515



1 Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness; pierce the clouds of
2 Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, come with unc - tion



na - ture's night; come, thou source of joy and glad - ness,
and with power. Make our hearts thy ha - bi - ta - tion;



breathe thy life, and spread thy light. From the height which
with thy grace our spi - rits shower. Hear, oh, hear our



knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious shower de - scend,
sup - pli - ca - tion, bless - ed Spi - rit, God of peace!



bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure we can wish, or God can send.
Rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion, with the full - ness of thy grace.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

People stand to hear the gospel.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, "Be gracious to us, O God; show us your mercy."

We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight, especially these members and friends of our parish: Al & Patti Sparks, Andrew Wilking, 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.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence.

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;
Show us your mercy.

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.

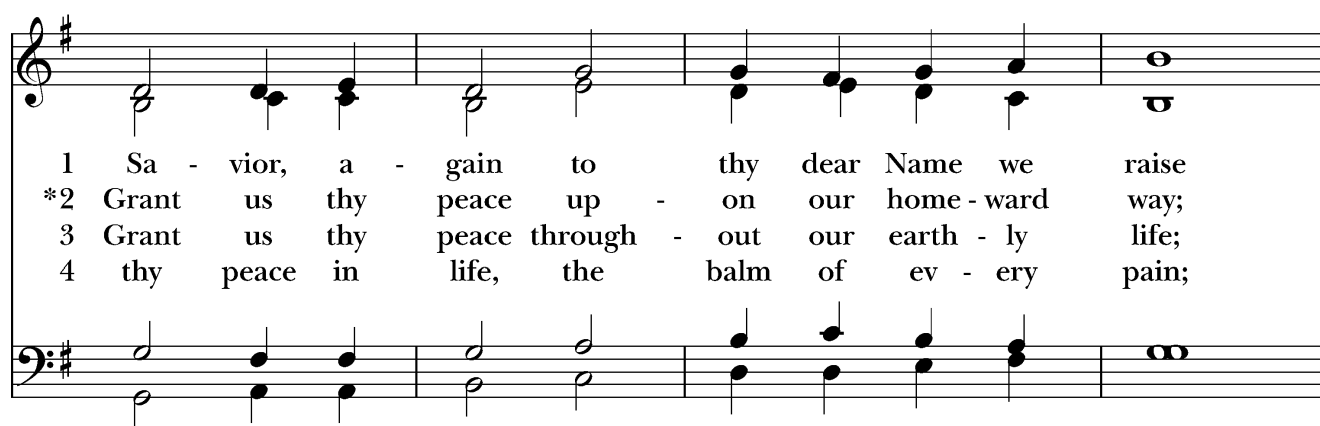
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

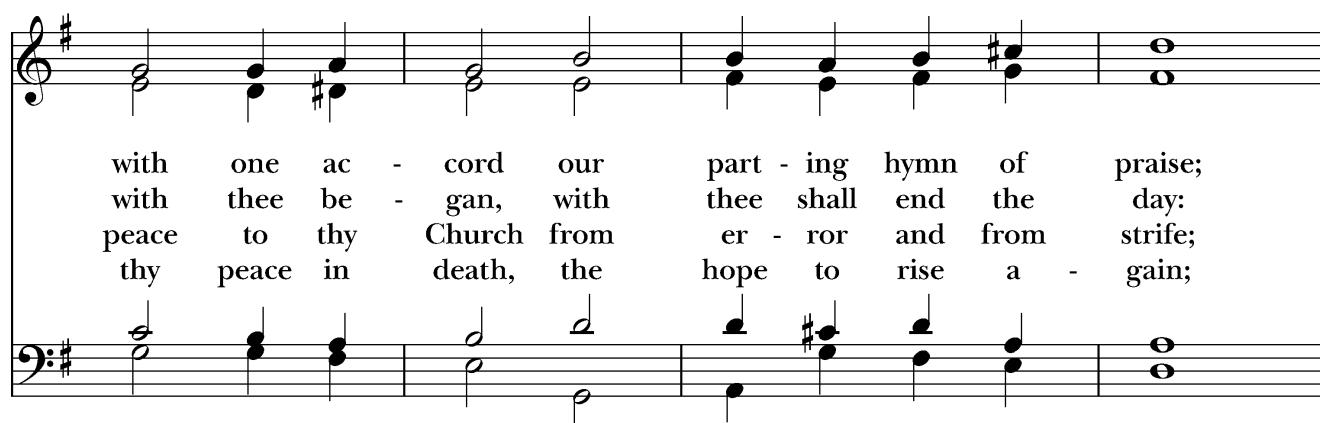
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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



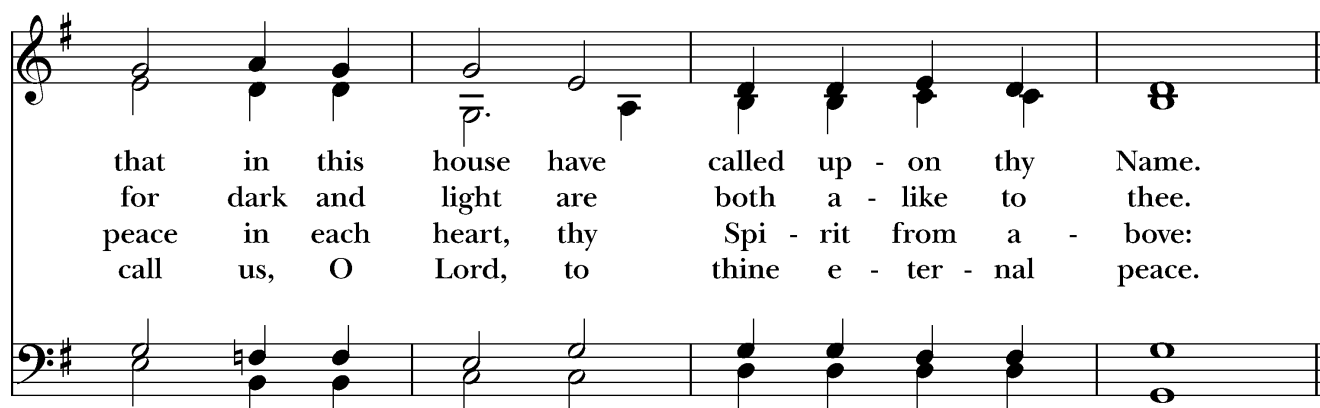
1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
 *2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day:
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;



guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

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.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

WLP 763

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word; help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. to verse 3

Optional Descant
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
(Ped.)

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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. David Gilliam
<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 Odinkikh	Vladimir Odinkikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Kathie Clark	Maryann Lindberg
<i>LEM</i>	Drew Street	Sarah Downing
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Proctor	Mary Schoppmeyer
<i>Flowers</i>	Marilyn Wilking	Missy Wilkins
<i>Ushers</i>	Chuck & Jane Loomis	Joe Cuoco & Richard Henderson
<i>Hospitality</i>	Bill & Kathie Clark	Al and Patti Sparks
<i>Counters</i>	Mary Schoppmeyer & Kathie Clark	Linda O'Connell & Karen Proctor

St. John's Steps Up for the CROP Hunger Walk

What a wonderful showing of generosity from St. John's and our wider community. This year's Walpole CROP Hunger Walk brought together 40 walkers and raised \$16,054 so far — with more gifts still coming in. Our St. John's team of 13 people and two dogs raised an impressive \$3,673 toward that total.

And those dollars will go to work. CROP Hunger Walk funds help fight hunger both close to home and around the world — supporting local hunger-relief programs as well as Church World Service efforts that provide emergency food and resources, clean water, seeds and tools, sustainable agriculture, and other programs that help families build greater food security for the future.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who walked, donated, sponsored a walker, cheered us on, or helped spread the word. Together, our little St. John's team turned a Sunday walk into \$3,673 of help and hope for our neighbors near and far. **That is something worth celebrating.**

Make Your Voice Heard Before the Bishop Election

Election of the Next Bishop of New Hampshire

Electing Convention | Saturday, October 24

The election of our next bishop is almost here, and we hope everyone at St. John's will take part in the conversation. Our delegates will be representing this parish at the convention, and they would truly value hearing what you are thinking as they prepare to vote.

Please take a little time to learn about the candidates on the **Bishop Transition website** and, if you can, watch the recorded Meet & Greet sessions on the **Diocese of New Hampshire YouTube channel**. Then share your impressions, hopes, questions, or concerns with our delegation. You do not need to have everything figured out — simply let them know what stood out to you and what you hope for in our next bishop.

Our convention delegates are **Drew Street, Kathie Clark, and Chuck Loomis**, with **Jane Loomis and Marilyn Wilking** serving as alternates. Please feel free to speak with any of them directly or send your thoughts to info@stjohnswalpole.org.

Candidate information: <https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/>

Meet & Greet recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NHEpiscopal/streams>

Bring Your Best Friend for a Blessing

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 25 | 3–4 p.m. | Walpole Common, in front of the Gazebo |

Fr. Fred Chisolm of St. John's and Pastor Melissa O'Brien of First Congregational Church will lead the annual Blessing of the Animals. All species are welcome. If your animal companion doesn't play well with others, feel free to bring a photo instead. An offering will be received, with donations going to Heifer International.

A Joyful Milestone to Celebrate Together

Celebratory Luncheon

Sunday, November 8 | After Church | Parish Hall

Bob and Maryann Lindberg warmly invite the St. John's family to gather for lunch and celebrate a joyful milestone: Bob's two-year graduation from the transplant program. They are deeply grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and support they have received along the way, and would love the chance to celebrate and say thank you in person.

A sign-up will be shared closer to the date so they know how many people to expect. For now, please save the date and plan to join us. And no need to bring a dish — Bob and Maryann are providing the whole feast.

Many Hands Make Light Work

There are lots of ways to lend a hand at St. John's and in our wider community this fall. Whether you have an hour to give, something to bake, or would like to become part of one of our parish ministries, we'd be glad to have you.

Help Us Make St. John's Glow

Join us for **pumpkin carving** at the church on **Wednesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.** Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools, and help us get St. John's ready for Halloween.

Then, on **Saturday, October 31**, help us **hand out candy at Walpole's annual Halloween celebration**. Festivities begin at dusk, and Taylor Royle will be our "head witch." If you would like to help at the St. John's booth, contact Taylor and Martin at taylorroyle@gmail.com.

Holiday Fair Helpers Needed

Our **Holiday Fair** is **Saturday, November 21**, and there are several ways to be part of the fun.

- First, **we need plenty of goodies to sell**. Cookies, jams, jellies, preserves, and other homemade treats are all welcome — and we need lots of them.
- You can also join us for a **cookie-decorating** evening in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome, and no decorating experience is required.
- And on Fair Day itself, **we'll need volunteers to staff shifts throughout the event**. If you can give us a little time on Saturday, November 21, we'd be grateful for the help.

Join the Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has openings for new members. The guild prepares the altar for Sunday worship, with members serving on a rotating schedule, so you'll take a Sunday every so often rather than every week.

Mary Schoppmeyer is now leading the Altar Guild. If you're curious about what's involved or would like to join, please let Mary know.

Friendly Meals Needs Drivers

The Friendly Meals Program of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf is looking for volunteers to deliver meals in Charlestown on **Tuesdays and/or Thursdays**.

Meals are picked up in Alstead and delivered in the late morning. A route takes approximately one hour. If you might be able to help, please see **Betsy McGuire or Marilyn Wilking**.

A Conversation We All Need to Have

Death, Dying and Dunkin' Donuts

Saturday, November 14 | 10a | First Congregational Church

Pastor Melissa O'Brien, Interim Pastor at First Congregational Church, will lead a thoughtful and practical workshop about end-of-life concerns. Drawing on her experience as both a hospital and hospice chaplain, Melissa will help participants explore some of the questions and decisions that come with aging, serious illness, death, and dying.

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. .

Grab a Red Bag and Fill It Up

Fall Mountain Food Shelf Collection

Pick up one of St. John's red shopping bags, fill it with a few pantry staples, and help stock the shelves for our neighbors in need. This month, the Food Shelf is especially looking for **canned tuna and chicken, pasta, rice, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, and sugar**. Every bag helps. Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator and can answer any questions.

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