

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## November 19, 2023



### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### ENTRANCE HYMN *Rise up, ye saints of God (Festal Song)*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### 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.*

#### OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *MHSO 6 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Vidal-White)*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. — Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of\_ God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us;\_ you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther re -

ceive our\_ prayer.\_ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 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. 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,

he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
 and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”  
<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## S 411 Simplified chant setting (S 411)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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### PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

<sup>1</sup> O God, you have been our **refuge** \*  
from one generation to **another**.  
<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were **born**, \*  
from age to age you are **God**.  
<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the dust and **say**, \*  
“Go back, O child of **earth**.”  
<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is **past** \*  
and like a watch in the **night**.  
<sup>5</sup> You sweep us away like a **dream**; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.  
<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.  
<sup>7</sup> For we consume away in your **displeasure**; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful **indignation**.  
<sup>8</sup> Our iniquities you have set **before** you \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.  
  
<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our **days** \*  
that we may apply our hearts to **wisdom**.

### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through

our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Hallelujah* (Maraire) (MHSO 19)**

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!, hal - le - lu - jah!, hal - le - lu - jah!, hal - le - lu - jah!.

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

*All stand.*

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the

one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK)**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing or kneel as able.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,**

**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INGATHERING OF THE UNITED THANK OFFERING**

**Gracious God, we come before you in the knowledge that  
although we are varied in our gifts, we are united as laborers of your harvest.  
With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings and challenges that  
inspire the work of the United Thank Offering.**

**May the offerings given to UTO as an expression of gratitude go on to  
address the needs of our ever-changing world.**

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ, whose life is a blueprint we strive to  
follow. Amen**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Let us with glad hearts offer the fruits of our life and labor to the Lord.

### **ANTHEM *Ye That Do Your Master's Will (Orland Gibbons)***

Ye that do your Master's will,  
Meek in heart, be meeker still:  
Day by day your sins confess,  
Ye that walk in righteousness.  
Gracious souls in grace abound,  
Seek the Lord, whom ye have found.

He that comforts all that mourn  
Shall to joy your sorrow turn:

Joy to know your sins forgiv'n,  
 Joy to keep the way of Heav'n.  
 Joy to win His welcome grace,  
 Joy to see Him face to face.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *Not here for high and holy things (Morning song)*



\*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to  
 \*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of  
 \*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through  
 4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the  
 2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the  
 3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what  
 4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of  
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion  
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles  
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the  
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,  
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,  
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:  
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*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* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

**In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

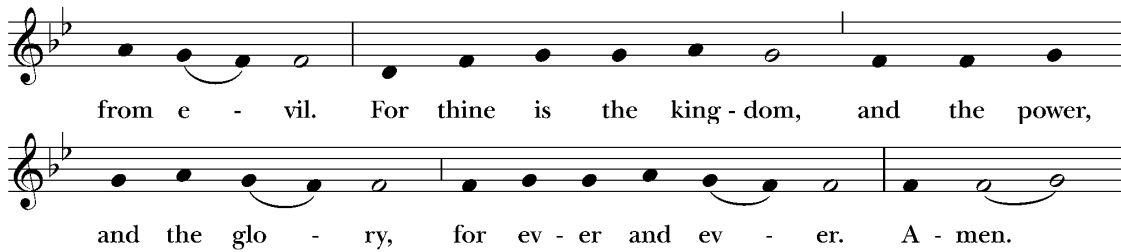
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)***

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. *Amen.*

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.*

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

**Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

**We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN *O God, We Yearn for Safety (Winfrey)*

1. O God, we yearn for safe - ty; we long to be se - cure.  
2. You give to some ten tal - ents, to oth - ers, two or three;  
3. You give your church the gos - pel, Good News for us to share.  
4. O God, it seems much saf - er to live from day to day,

Yet faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice is what you val - ue more.  
to some you give one bless - ing to man - age faith - ful - ly.  
You give us great com - pas - sion for neigh - bors eve - ry - where.  
pro - tect - ing what you lend us and hid - ing it a - way.

You give us what is need - ed; you love, for - give and save.  
For you, O Lord, are lov - ing and don't de - mand suc - cess;  
You give us skills to serve you and lov - ing work to do.  
Yet all these gifts can't flour - ish when hid - den in the ground;

Then, send - ing us to serve you, you call us to be brave.  
you dai - ly call your peo - ple to lives of faith - ful - ness.  
We're blest to be a bless - ing, and called to risk for you.  
when we are brave to share them your bless - ings will a - bound.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Serving today:**

**Ministers of Music:** Eric Vinciguerra, and Choir **Chalice:** Jillian Davidson  
**Lector:** Mary Stewart Kiesgen **Prayers:** Jim Thurston  
**Presider:** Rev. Sr. Diane Stier **Director:** Alice Ciccu  
**Greeters:** Tom & Mary Ellen Cochrane **Acolyte:** Peyton Eichinger  
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**St. John’s Weekly Calendar**

<b>Monday November 20</b>	<b>Tuesday November 21</b>	<b>Wednesday November 22</b>	<b>Thursday November 23</b>
<b>6:30pm</b> Gambler’s Anonymous	<b>11am</b> Tai Chi with Judy	<b>10am</b> Church School via Zoom  <b>6:15-7:30pm</b> Choir Practice  <b>7pm</b> Weekly Connection via Zoom	<b>9am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Eucharist</b>  <b>8pm</b> Compline via Zoom

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**Thanksgiving Eucharist**

There will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist service on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am.

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**Art Spirit**

St John's Episcopal Church Art Show  
506 S. Washington  
Mt Pleasant, MI

Dec 1st, noon - 6 pm  
Dec 2nd, 10 am - 4 pm

- Pottery
- Digital Art
- Photography
- Mixed Media
- Jewelry
- Fiber Arts
- Painting
- Original Cards
- Journals



St. John's Episcopal Church announces its first annual art show, "Art Spirit", to be held on December 1st from noon - 6 and December 2nd from 10-4 in the parish hall at 206 W. Maple Street. Local St. John's church artists and friends will display their works for sale. Come and see paintings, digital art, ceramic gifts, textiles, jewelry and other handmade items for sale in time for the holidays. Have your face painted in the holiday spirit.

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*Join us for a reception for the  
Art Spirit artists  
Friday  
December 01, 2023  
6-8 pm  
St. Johns Parish Hall  
Family and friends of artists  
invited!*

There is a special reception on December 1st from 6 - 8 pm to celebrate the arts for all church members and artists' friends. The St. John's Art Spirit show is designed to support local artists and the arts in Mt. Pleasant, and to help bring the holiday spirit to the Mount Pleasant community. Help us promote the show by forwarding the event flyer to your friends.

**We pray this week...**

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and its Standing Committee; for Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan; and for Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For St. John's, Dryden - Becky Foster, Sr. Warden

For Emmanuel, Hastings – Georgette Schirmer, Sr. Warden

For the members of St. John's celebrating birthdays this week: Nancy, Gabriel, Bill, Rev. Sr. Diane & Jonathan

For the members of St. John's especially: Claire, Clancy, Patricia, Daniel, Jasmine, Peyton, Isla, David, Jen, Rex, Emma, David, Nancy & Matthew

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Cindy, Diana, Gabriel, George, Jess, Mary Lou, Nancy, and Harry

For all who have died.