



October 25, 2026
Proper 25 - Track 2
Holy Eucharist — Rite II
9 & 11 a.m.

Welcome!

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may receive from the common cup by drinking directly from the cup or handing the host to the Chalice (the person giving you the cup). They will then dip the host in the wine and place it in your hand. You may also choose to just consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Nametags are available in the pews. Please participate by wearing one so we can know the names of those people who sit next to us.

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Richard Allen Hayes
by Peggy Hayes Alligood and sons Kelly and Brett and families.*

Listening assistance devices are available – ask any usher.

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules.

*Jesus the very thought of thee*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #450

All hail the power of Jesus' name

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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

Carl Haywood

Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Holy name. — Glo-ry, Glo-ry Hal-le-lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho ly name. —

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

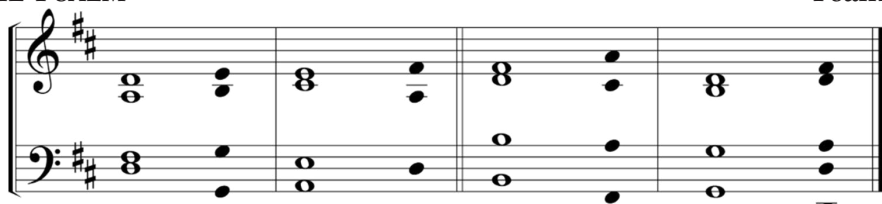
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the / Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.

It is not so with the / wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a- / way.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when / judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Stand as able.*

1982 Hymnal #517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Remain standing.*

Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that

David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Lisa Erdeljon

A brief silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED *Stand as able.*

BCP 358

LEM Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying together the words
of 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Remain standing or kneel as able.

Celebrant Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers,
intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are
generous with our gifts,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God
this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our
congregation. We pray especially for this season in which
we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for
mission... *Silence. People can add their own petitions.*

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Leader I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees
fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and
land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We
pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the
marginalized... *Silence. People can add their own petitions.*

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those
who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and
those we name now in silence or aloud... *Silence. People can add
their own petitions.*

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud... *Silence. People can add their own petitions.*

We are generous with our gifts of support,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Leader I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world... *Silence. People can add their own petitions.*

We are generous with our gratitude,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

Celebrant Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSIO*N* *Kneeling.*

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

ABSOLUTIO*N* *Remain kneeling.*

BCP 360

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Stand as able.*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

9 a.m. *The Lord is Mindful (St Paul)*

Felix Mendelssohn

11 a.m. *Go Down Moses*

Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY *Stand as able.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

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.**

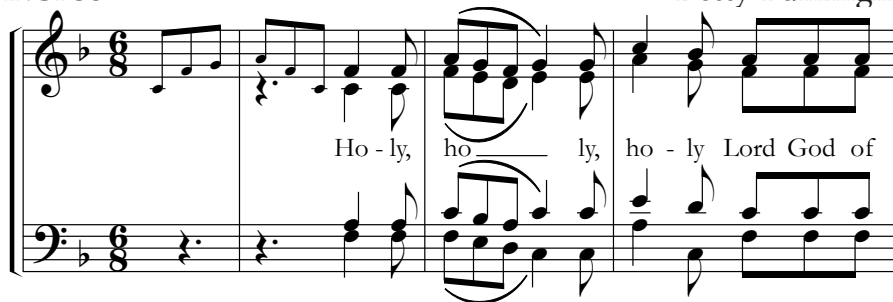
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Betty Pulkingham



pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Remain standing or kneel

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to

death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise

you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

*You are invited to place your pledge card in the watering can
as you come forward for communion.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand as able.*

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1982 Hymnal #609

Where cross the crowded ways of life

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ludwig Van Beethoven

The Glory of God in Nature

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

LEMs

9 a.m. Elizabeth Zimmerman, Al Banwell

11 a.m. Doug Perry, Billie Ray Jeffries

Ushers

9 a.m. Ron Kindley, Dave Messersmith

11 a.m. Frank Fortuna, Roger Peckham

Altar Guild

9 a.m. Kay Perry, Susan Edmonson

11 a.m. Brian McMahon, Carol Conway

Acolyte Master

9 a.m. Connie Heath

11 a.m. Linda McMahon

Music Director Deborah Carr

Special Music 11 a.m. St. John's Choir

Flower Delivery Kathy Dansey

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Staff pray for people on our prayer list by name weekly.

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, John Hutson, Bill Saunders, Don Klovstad, Jane Price, Shirley Nunn, Niecsa Chisum, Kaye Locke, Leslie Stay, Rick Bagley, Bonnie Jones, Carol Winarski, Susan Edmonson, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Annex, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mary Jane Long, David, Donald Crandol, Jan Crandol, Bishop Haynes, David Copley, Warren Petri, Steve, Bob Cumming, Linda Seely, Grace Taylor, Josh, Glenn Irwin, Gail Conway, baby Autumn Gwendolyn, Lewis, Sally, Meg Hoffman, Claire, Sharon, Melanie, Mike, Eldon James, Barbara Urick, Bunny Neff, Pam Withrow, Shellene Desjardins, John Lawson, Ann Ridle, Amanda.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Ellen Griffith (10/25), Emily Klotz (10/25), Cindy Bagley (10/26), Elizabeth Parish (10/26), Anna Hogg (10/27), Bella Newkirk (10/30), and George Mainwaring (10/31).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our New Digital Directory: Be Part of It! St. John's is moving to an online parish directory, and it replaces the printed one. *There will be not be a new paper directory.* If you want to be in our directory, this is the way in. A directory is only as good as its participation, so we hope every household will take part.

Once you've joined, you can find fellow parishioners and keep track of your giving to St. John's. If you didn't get an invitation, or you'd like help finding your way around, call or email Patrick in the office.

Last chance for your free portrait. Bob Harper is taking portraits of every parishioner and family free of charge before he closes his studio, and you'll get a gift portrait to keep. Sessions take about 20 minutes. Portrait sessions end November 1, and only these weekend times are left:

Saturdays, October 24 & 31: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sundays, October 25 & November 1: 12 noon - 3 p.m.

To book a weekend time, contact the Church Office. For a weekday appointment, contact Bob directly at. Please make your appointment today!

Third Quarter Statements: Third quarter statements were sent by email (if we have an email on file with you) or by snail mail (if we don't) this

week. Please review your statement and contact the office if anything doesn't look right so that Margot Rous, our pledgekeeper, can correct it.



Sunday, November 8 12:30pm-2:30pm Parish Hall (Lunch provided after 11:00am service for participants). PLEASE REGISTER for our RISE AGAINST HUNGER outreach event if you haven't already. We would like to

get an accurate count of participants as soon as possible. It only takes a couple of minutes to register and will save us time with registration the day of the event.

Please register for Rise Against Hunger Outreach event at stjohnshampton.org/rah, or calling the office. You can also scan the QR Code on the 8x11' posters in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary.

Steps for Registration:

1. Open the registration page and select the red "Volunteer" button.
2. Select the plus sign next to the shift(s) you would like to volunteer. These will then show up on the right-hand side of the page.
3. Select "Register" in the bottom right corner.
4. Fill out the prompted questions: name, email address, anyone under 18 joining you, and select the box signifying that you have accepted the waiver agreement.
5. Select "Next" in the bottom right corner.
6. Enter the prompted information - name, email or choose an attendee's information in the first dropdown box.
7. Select "Reserve" in the bottom right corner.
8. Once loaded, there will be a "Thank You" message. You will also immediately receive a confirmation email in the email used for registration.

Necrology: The necrology list for the All Souls Evensong on Sunday, November 1, is now posted in the parish hall. Please add the names of any departed loved ones you would like remembered and read aloud at the service.

Book Club: The next meeting of the St. John's Book Club will be held on Monday, November 2, at 4:00 p.m. on the Parish House stage. For that meeting we will finish reading *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. Our next book will be *The Bitter End Birding Society* by Amanda Cox. New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-287-7440 or at edmonson4@cox.net.

Altar Flowers: Available Dates: Jan. 17, 24; Feb 7; April 11, 25; JULY 4, 18, 25. No March, May, June or August dates are available.

Bible Study: We will be continuing our Bible Study on the Book of Daniel on Thursday at noon in the Library. If you are interested, contact Roger or Lorrie Peckham at peckham4@cox.net. All are welcome to join.

Veterans! St. John's wishes to recognize your service to our Nation for the upcoming Veterans' Day. We are planning to have a display with photographs of our vets and a brief summary of service dates and places. If you are a veteran of any service and a St. John's parishioner, you are asked to contact Bob Harper, the Project Lead, at 757-325-8300 or bob@bobharperportraits.com You may use a photograph of your choosing for the display or Bob will create one for you at no cost.

Community Events

Cereal Box Collection: We're collecting empty cereal boxes for tours the Hampton History Museum is doing for students in November with St. John's. Bring your cereal boxes to the office!

H.E.F. Fest 2026 – One Night, One Community! Join the Hampton Education Foundation on Friday, November 6, at The Vanguard in downtown Hampton for the 5th Annual H.E.F. Fest! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of live rock, R&B, and soul music performed by local celebrities, educators, and community leaders (like Bill Beach). Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with music beginning at 7:00 p.m. This lively community celebration supports grants and educational opportunities for Hampton City Schools teachers and students. Come enjoy a great night out for a great cause! For more information email Nancy Beach at nlbdca@gmail.com. Learn more and purchase tickets at hamptoneducationfoundation.org.

CALENDAR

October 25 — 31

Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8 p.m. AA

Monday

8 p.m. AA

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Men's Study Group

Wednesday

6 p.m. Handbells
7 p.m. Choir

Thursday

12 p.m. Bible Study
8 p.m. AA

Friday

9:15 a.m. Women's Al-Anon

Saturday

9 a.m. Portraits with
12 p.m. Bob Harper

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ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

2026 — Scott Curtis, *Sr. Warden*; Ellen Griffith; Bettyrene Pope, *Jr. Warden*

2027 — Bob Harper; Andrew Mackey; Anne Rutherford

2028 — Wendy Cumming; Dory Holder; Jon Wallner

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bunton Haynes, *Diocesan Bishop*