



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

Thanksgiving Day  
Festal Holy Eucharist  
November 23, 2023 | 10 a.m.



## ✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

### Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D Major, David N. Johnson

*At the sound of the bell, all stand.*

### Introit

I Will Give Thanks, Gardner Evans

I will give thanks with my whole heart to the Lord. O do well unto thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word. Quicken thou me, O Lord, according to thy mercy.

## ✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

### Hymn 290

“Come, ye thankful people, come”  
*St. George’s Windsor*

Celebrant Blessed be God.

**People Forever and ever. Amen.**

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Silence.*

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

# The Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows the reading.*

## Psalm 100 *(read in unison)*

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*All stand.*

## Hymn 291

“We plow the fields and scatter the good seeds”  
*Wir pflugen*

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

*All stand.*

## The Litany of Thanksgiving

Celebrant    Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*The Leader and the People pray responsively*

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ  
Jesus our Lord;  
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### ∞ THE HOLY COMMUNION ∞

## The Offertory Anthem

O Be Joyful, John Leavitt

*Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!*

O be joyful all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before Him with  
a song, singing and rejoicing. Enter now with thanks and praise, for the Lord is  
gracious!

*Jubilate Deo! Alleluia!*

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant** Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

## Sanctus (*Sung three times*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart  
*WLP 785*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
 heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

*All stand or kneel.*

**Celebrant** We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**All** 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.**

*Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Music at Communion

Voluntary in G, Henry Heron

Hymn 433 “We gather together to ask the Lord’s Blessing”  
*Kremser*

Author of Life Divine, Malcolm Archer

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread, preserve the life thyself has given, and feed and train us up for heaven. Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, ‘till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove, and strengthened by thy perfect grace, behold without a veil thy face.

## The General Thanksgiving

**All**        **Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*All stand.*

## Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”  
*Nun Danket*

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**People**        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Voluntary

Now thank we all our God, Sigfrid Karg-Elert



*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all that is gracious in our lives.  
All are invited to join our Thanksgiving meal in Taliaferro Hall.*