

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MORNING PRAYER



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY
WORSHIPPING AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
10 A.M. ♦ OCTOBER 18, 2026

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

HYMN 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (v. 1-3)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

All stand

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Officiant and People

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.

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

People **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

VENITE

PSALM 95:1-7

Officiant and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

PSALM 99 *DOMINUS REGNAVIT*

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON:

EXODUS 33:12-23

Moses 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.’ Now 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.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For 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.” The 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.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And 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. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” (*cont.*)

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And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and 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; then 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.**

CANTICLE 13 A SONG OF PRAISE *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our forebearers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because 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. And 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For 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. For 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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder

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Rush-ing fi - re, spi - rit of God fill us with hope, mer - cy, and

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1.

truth. Wind and flame guide us to ask, "What are we here to do?

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Light em - brace us, fill our hearts! Be our source of ev - ver - las - ting

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2.

"What am I here to do?

2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They 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." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

All standing,

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

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.

SUFFRAGES

All standing,

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant 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.
People **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**
Officiant Let us pray for those we hold in our hearts this day, either silently or aloud.
Reader *(At this time, read aloud the prayer list on page 13)*
Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant My siblings in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

announcements

episcopals

EpiscoPals is held in the St. Matthew's Parish Hall on the third Sunday of each month at **5:30 pm**. The next gathering will be held on **TODAY**. All in attendance are asked to bring a covered dish of their choice to share. This will be a time to socialize with each other over a shared meal. We want to foster the opportunity for our church family to stay connected and for relationships to grow outside of church services and volunteering with our ministries. We feel it is particularly important to preserve this connection during this time of transition.

all saints' day

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Day, the day of the church year when we celebrate the Blessed Company of All Faithful People. This Blessed Company consists of all people of God - those who have gone before, those who are in the present, and those who are yet to come. On this day it is customary to remember those friends and loved ones who have gone on to their new life in the Lord.

If you would like to have a person or people remembered, email the name or names to Julie. We will read those names on Sunday, November 1st during the Prayers of the People for those who have died. Please submit your names by Tuesday, October 27th.

fall session of house church

House Church meets again on **October 21st**. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. This session will be led by Linda Eisenhart and will be a study of **Mere Christianity** by **C. S. Lewis**. The tentative schedule, which is subject to change, can be found in the e-news. All are welcome to join at any time!

stephen's table

Our next meal will be an Oktoberfest supper and will be served on **Thursday, October 22nd from 5-6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net**, or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

it's in the bag

It's in the Bag has resumed its weekly packing of more than 320 bags of food. Volunteers meet each Wednesday at 11 am at St. John's.

seekers

The Seekers are always collecting **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the church.

nearly new

The store is always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries. The store is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10AM - 2PM, and during Stephen's Table each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

If your teen needs to earn service learning hours, they can do so through volunteering at the store. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, you can show up when we are open, or you can:

Send an email to **nearlynewcrew@gmail.com**, or

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**, or

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**, or

Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at: **julie@episcopalgarrett.org**

ministers of today's service

Officiant
Reader
Chalicer

Canon Kate Riley
Mike Voelkel
Carol Voelkel

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to: julie@episcopalgarrett.org

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Nancy Ihloff; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; The Manning Family; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Arwana Schoemer; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; Frances Sharpless; Kathy O'Connor; Sylvia Pritts; Bernie Ferguson; Michael Marine; Mary Ely; Smith Lantz; Sarah Reed; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jen Virts; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & Family; Mary Ann Kunst; Michael Null; Margaret Russ; Jack Skeen; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

This week's family prayers are for Laura & Walt Tasker; Mike & Grace Shirey; and Sharon Porter.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace, Elkridge; Holy Apostles & St Stephen, Arbutus; Living Grace, Urbana.

We also pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, addiction, and economic and environmental injustice.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Linda Ludwig Baker; Diane Burns; Lexie Byrne; Betty Jane Cook; Laurie Cornett; Carolyn Germain; Larry Glatt; Regina Ray; Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner; Dan Jonson; Madeline Meister; Elon O'Connor; Brenda Rathgeb; Kat & Matt Rayner; Kip Senholzi; and Gavin Tasker.

also

Little ones have a place at St. John's!

Our Sunday school is downstairs. Ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex at St. Matthew's, or use the form on our website at www.episcopalgarrett.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back.

upcoming church schedule

October 25th	St. Matthew's
November 1st	St. John's
November 8th	St. Matthew's
November 15th	St. John's
November 22nd	St. Matthew's
November 29th	St. Matthew's

Sunday, October 18th - St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs
Coffee hour in the fellowship room
immediately following the service

Thursday, Oct. 22nd - St. Matthew's

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, October 25th - St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall
Coffee hour in the chancel immediately
following the service

sunday schedule

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every week

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II or Morning Prayer w/RS

Friday & Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

every month

third Sunday

5:30 pm EpiscoPals (**TODAY**, SM Parish Hall)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (**October 22nd**)

monthly

6 pm Vestry/Advisory Board meeting - SM (**11/5**)

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Junior Warden, St. John's

Leah DeLauder
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vestry/advisory board members

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