

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

OCTOBER 26, 2025 • 10:30 A.M.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY
Locklair

The Peace May Be Exchanged

Dan

HYMN 636

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

Lyons

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

HYMN 438

"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"

Woodlands

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:23-32

Reader A Reading from the Book of Joel.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be

put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁸ Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence follows the reading.

PSALM 65 (*All sing. Congregation remains seated.*)



- ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in / Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Je / rusalem.
- ² To you that hear prayer shall all flesh / come, *
because of their trans / gressions.
- ³ Our sins are stronger than / we are, *
but you will blot them / out.
- ⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to / dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your / temple.
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our sal / vation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far a / way.
- ⁶ You make fast the mountains by your / power; *
they are girded about with / might.
- ⁷ You still the roaring of the / seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the / peoples.
- ⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your

- marvelous / signs; *
- you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for / joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very / plenteous; *
- the river of God is full of / water.
- ¹⁰ You prepare the / grain, *
- for so you provide for the / earth.
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges; *
- with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its / increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your / goodness, *
- and your paths overflow with / plenty.
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing, *
- and the hills be clothed with / joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
- and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain; *
- let them shout for joy and / sing.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Reader A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence follows the reading.

HYMN 679

"Surely it is God who saves me"

Thomas Merton

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told his parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was

praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Becky Zartman Carpenter

THE NICENE CREED

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Presider and People

**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 (FORM III)

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Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on _____ and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We also pray for Jeanette Belfield, Becky Bryan, Bill Hudgins, Mary Dawson, Albert Ervin, Frances Gaither, Dwight Johnson, Boo White, and Brent Wilson.

Leader Defend from all perils _____, and all others who are preparing for the birth or adoption of a child.

People **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Leader We praise you for _____ and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Leader Gracious God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem *Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light* *Mark Schweizer*
Creator of beauty and giver of light, who set the stars shining in dark sacred night; We offer our music with hearts full of praise, with joyful thanksgiving for all of our days. In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing, and high mountains echo, each prayer to our King; May this song, a gift forever be found, now offered with grace, and eternity bound. The journey of each soul remains in your care, your guidance and faithfulness, always you share; your spirit, within us, each strength that you send, returned to your glory, a world without end.

text: Beverly Easterling

HYMN 416 (vs. 5) "For the beauty of the earth"

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**For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

After the offering is brought forward, the Presider and People say
**God, our Creator, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in
this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure
with our neighbors, sharing our Good News with the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

HYMNAL S-125

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

People **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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After the Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, a moment of silence is observed.

Hymnal S-169

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Leader

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Leader and People

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Leader

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

Leader and People

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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Presider 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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Please follow the directions of the usher to the communion rail. After receiving the bread, communicants may receive the wine either by sipping from the chalice or by intinction (i.e. carefully dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten free wafers are available. For a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

Hymn 665

"All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Presider Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

Presider and People

**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,**

VESTRY

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