

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

The First Reading ~Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from the Book of Hosea.

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ 50:7-15

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

The Second Reading ~ Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Father Winston Arthur

A period of silent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able. All say together.

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 worshipped 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

Please kneel as you are able

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Robert,
our Bishop, and Winston, our Rector
**People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world; especially Donald, our President, Brian, our Governor,
and James, our Mayor
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,
especially Jeff, Sadie, Kim, Nancy, Paul, Frank, Ryan, C.R.,
Margaret, and Bob

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

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. Especially Wilkins and Patricia

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

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

Intercessor We pray for our Vestry members: Jeff, Mark, Nick, Anne, Nikki, Sarah, Katie, Elizabeth, and Bill

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Wade, Jason, Houston, Susan, Mark, Edie, and June

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

Celebrant concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together

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.

Celebrant continues

The Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Presentation Hymn *Come thou fount of every blessing* *Hymnal 686*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen

S 146



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

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the vergers behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.

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.

The Communion Hymn

Sometimes I feel discouraged

Hymnal 676

The Lay Eucharistic Prayer

Please kneel as you are able. Celebrant and People

In the name of this community of St. Paul's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please continue kneeling as able. Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the

Remember in your prayers:

From The Daughters of the King: Gracious God, source of all joy and light, fill our hearts with the gladness of your presence. Help us to delight in your goodness, to share your love with others, and to find joy even in the ordinary. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Sadie Jordan, Ryan Olsan, Paul Moss, Zac West, Bob Williams, Carla Brown, John Boothby, Daryl Jones, Heather Victorine, Jennifer Thomasson, the Matthews and King family, Betty Maddox, Pat Flanigan, Natalie, Sara-Belle, Carlos, Mallory, and anyone affected by the accident involving these Northgate students.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: The Chunn family, the Francis Family, Kim Ramsey, Nancy Jaworski, Frank Moss, Margaret Jackson, C.R Phillips, Dennis Bouchard, Greg Parsons, Jason Reynolds, Greg Olsan, Dean Henderson, Paul Peatoy, Doug Connell, Brittany, Del, Don, Jerry Jones, Dianne Teer, Caroline Abbey, Eric Flock, Steve Edge, Sherry Cook, Dottie Woody, Ron Wilson, George Robinson, Ginny Lyles, Sherry Mark, Candy Waldron, Sam Candler, Sam, Daniel, and the Martin Family.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jeff, Mark, Nick, Anne, Nikki, Sarah, Katie, Elizabeth, and Bill, and for the Staff: Fr. Winston, David, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Meg, Abbie, and Charlene.

We pray for our Community of Hope, Inc. Chaplains: Cleopatra Benjamin, Chris Borders, Bill & Dawn Harrison, Mary Frances Honea, Polly Hopkins, Katie McBride, Stan McMichael, Robyn Olsan, Linda Tudor, and Frank West.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phillip Beatty, Ashlie Benjamin, Trey Bland, Linda Boyce, Kevin Bradley, Jacob Britt, Tom Choate, Joe Clay, Francis Cooper III, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Arron Essex, Cameron Everett, Alex Eversoll, Victoria Eversoll, Adam Harrison, Dariel Johnson, Stephen Malcom, Beau Massenburg, Charles Mathews, Sean McGraw, David Norwood, Steven Puckett, David Robinson, Lanier Sealy, Zach Simkins, Sam Vermilyea, Luke White, Tommy White, Ryan Whitfield.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Wade Hand, Jason Darby, Houston Hawes, Susan Burrell, Mark Bulford, Edie Haugen, and June Francis.

We pray for those who have died, especially Wilkins Kirby and Patricia Karr. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Flower Donation:

This week's flowers were lovingly donated by Renee Powell to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Hanson Redwine Powell IV.

Parish Notices

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