



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
August 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE Now thank we all our God

Please stand in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN 397 Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,



who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
c-ter-nal, Tri-unc God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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 IN EXCELSIS S280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly
King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

Reader

A reading from Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8 (*read in alternation*)

Reader Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

People **Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

THE EPISTLE *Romans 12:9-21*

Reader A reading from Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you

are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-28*

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

Please stand in body or spirit and say together:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.
People **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 392-393)

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader For leaders of our nation, including the President, the Supreme Court, Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, ICE agents, police officers, all who exercise legal authority, all who exercise legal authority, all who witness in the name of civil rights, and all who long to repair the world.

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially *Ward Paine, Barbara Creed, Chet Wrucke, Trish, Allison Grey, Shahla, Steve Millard, Rev. Davidson Bidwell-Waite, John Terwilliger, Lisa Bonfield, Stannye Llewellyn, Bruce McCombs, Dede Jamison, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes*, and those we now name silently or aloud (pause).
Hear us, Lord.

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Reader For those who have died, especially *Dale Perkins, David Riggs*; those we remember on the anniversary of their deaths, *Carolyn Ruddell Samuels, Gwenn Gross, Elise Reed, Beverly Stewart, Francis Blake LeBaron, A. Michael Stewart, Mollie Nielsen*, and those we now name silently or aloud (pause). Hear us, Lord.

People **For all who mourn.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (pause). Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Sarah Kruberg, Christopher Hintz, Christa Enns

Anniversaries: Christopher White & Rachel Bright, Tim & Wendy McAdam

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like their who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand in body or spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you. *People* And al - so 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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S125 *from A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by

water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving

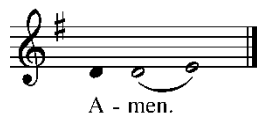
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our forebearers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **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.

THE COMMUNION

Please do not receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine.

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive: the consecrated bread, or both the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

To receive the wine simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth.

Please do not receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.")

If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying "Amen", translations of which include "It is true!" or "May it be so!"

COMMUNION ANTHEM Consecration

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let it sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed and renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.*

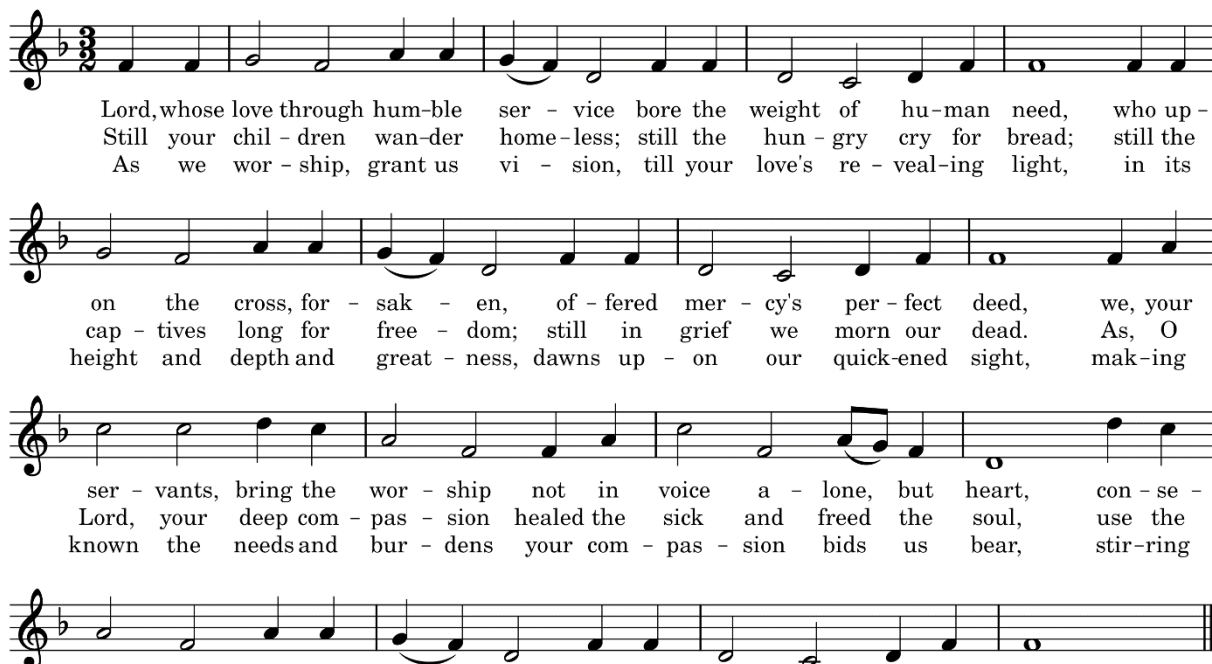
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! If you wish, we invite you to sign our guestbook near the church entrance. Please join us in the parish hall for refreshment after the service.

Special thanks to today's Coffee Hour Host: Jim Szewczak

CLOSING HYMN Lord, whose love through humble service

Beach Spring



Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need, who up -
Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread; still the
As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light, in its
on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your
cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we morn our dead. As, O
height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing
ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not in voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
Lord, your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the
known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir-ring
crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
love your Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
us to tire-less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Minuets 1 and 2 from Partita No. 1 in B Flat Major *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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Our parish is a loving community that, in addition to traditional liturgical worship each Sunday, focuses on ways we can live out our faith together through outreach, fellowship, education, and more.

As a member of The Episcopal Church we embrace a legacy of inclusion and aspire to exemplify God's love for every human being. People of all genders, races, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcomed with open arms.

If you are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please fill out a pew card and place it in the collection basket during the service.

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