

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
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Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Let us prepare for worship by quieting ourselves and turning our focus to God.

Opening Hymn: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky* H7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Opening Acclamation:

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

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

Everyone: 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 Gloria

S280

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 98

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³ The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- ⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- ⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Reader: A Reading from 2nd Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Deepen, God, our love of Jesus Carl Daw

Before Gospel: Verse 1-2 **After Gospel: Verse 3-4**



Deep - en, God, our love of Je - sus, 'till it shapes us day by day;
May we see in friend and strang - er some - one in your im - age made,
Free us from our ea - sy com - fort when in - jus - tice goes un checked;
Help us grow in faith and wis - dom as our hope and love in - crease;

let our lives em - bod - y just - ice, purg - ing time - worn wrongs a - way;
some - one we can meet and wel - come, some - one anx - ious or dis - mayed;
help us re - al - ize how of - ten peo - ple are de - nied re - spect;
when we ga - ther as your peo - ple let all strife and ran - cor cease;

help us learn to be dis - ci - ples, liv - ing what we sing and pray;
let each new en - coun - ter teach us how to serve and heal and aid;
keep a - live the dream that one day truth and mer - cy will con - nect;
to the worlds we each in - ha - bit may we bring the gift of peace:

help us live as Je - sus lived.
help us live as Je - sus lived.
help us live as Je - sus lived.
help us live as Je - sus lived.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Ricardo Sheppard

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

God of abundance, we give thanks for your love and grace. Hear the prayers your disciples offer to you now.

As we walk in faith, sustain and strengthen the people of your church; guide us in our walk with you and help us to share the good news of your love with those we encounter each day.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Help us, Gracious God, to heal our nation. May our elected leaders have the courage and strength to lead from compassion and empathy. May they be a voice for those who are hurting and hungry. May we too step forward and take actions that lead to building bridges and healing our country.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Let each of us be instruments of healing and reconciliation in the places we call home; that our love for you shines forth in all we do.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Unite the people of our world to address the global challenges before us and help us to see you in the abundant beauty of this world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

God of our Journey, you call us, love us, welcome us, and lead us. Your invitation is to all. We pray for those who suffer and who are in any sort of trouble - known and unknown. Help us be open and loving to all we meet. In this coming year, draw us closer to you and to one another, as we walk by faith.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer so that they might experience and know your peace that passes understanding. We especially pray for those on our Prayer List: *Laya; Jackie; Nigel; Elaine S.; Beth S.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttall Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

We pray for the promise of new life and for all those who we see no more.
May we always remember your promise of eternal life and live in that hope.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Celebrant: We give thanks for your love and steadfast promises; grant us lives worthy of the gift of your grace and answer our prayers to our benefit and to your glory. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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: 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 God be always with you
People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Choir Anthem *Faith, Hope, and Love* *Gather 609*

Text & Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien
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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The congregation stands or stands in spirit.

Celebrant: All things come of thee oh God

***People:* and of thine own have we given thee.**

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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,

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy

WLP 858

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

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner harm. Annael Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

sung by the congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***For those worshipping online, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is below the Communion Music.**

*The people attending in-person may be seated.

Communion Hymn

Steal Away

LEVAS 103

Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!
Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

1. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
4. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Edward C. Deas. Arr. Copyright © Sunday School Publishing Board.

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and His love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Refrain.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those worshipping online, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion is offered below. As the Communion Hymns are sung, we invite you to say the words of this prayer either aloud or silently. Through the words of this prayer, "all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth..." (BCP p. 457).

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of life. Though we do not consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

**All: God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

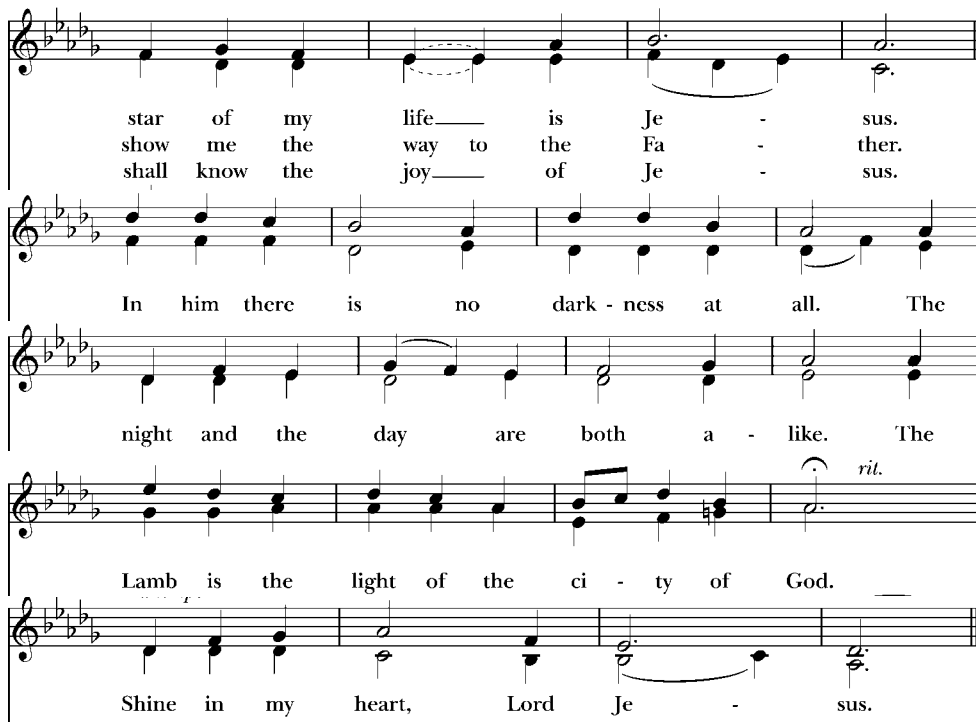
H490

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Dismissal

Celebrant:

Go in peace to love and serve God.

All:

Thanks be to God.

We are now sent forth to share God's love and light with the world.
Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened
you for service, and filled you with grace.



Together We Respond to God, Love One Another, and Serve in Faith

Are you visiting or in search of a church home?

We are so glad you are here with us today!

All Souls Episcopal Church is a loving, inclusive, and fun community of people waling together as we work to grow closer to God, to one another, and to our neighbors.

Please let us know you are visiting by saying “Hi” and by filling out a *Getting to Know You Card* at The Welcome Table.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Laya; Jackie; Nigel; Elaine S.; Beth S.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttle Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church

December 7th Outreach Project Information

What are we doing? Assembling Snack Bags for MoHope to help those who are unhoused.

How can you help NOW? Sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link in the Newsletter for items needed for bags we will be assembling.

Mark you calendars: Sunday – Advent 2 – Dec 7th

Outreach Project – 3pm-4pm

Worship – 4pm-5pm (outside, weather permitting)

Followed by Chili Potluck

All Souls Episcopal Church Calendar

Nov 13	7:00pm	Centering on the Lessons	Atlee House
Nov 16	9:15am	The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. Canon Ricardo Sheppard – Canon for Discipleship <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Messiah Lutheran Church
Nov 19	6:30pm	Vestry Meeting	Atlee House
Nov 20	7:00pm	Centering on the Lessons	Atlee House
Nov 23	9:15am	The Last Sunday after Pentecost <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Messiah Lutheran Church
Nov 27		Thanksgiving Day	
Nov 30	9:15am	The First Sunday of Advent <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Messiah Lutheran Church
	10:30am	Coffee Hour	Messiah's Parish Hall
Dec 4	7:00pm	Centering on the Lessons	Atlee House
Dec 7	2:30 - 3:30pm (clean up @ 3:30)	<u>OUTREACH MINISTRY PROJECT</u> Snack Bags (Sack Hunger Bags) for MoHope to hand out to the Homeless in the Area	Atlee House Breezeway
Dec 7	4:00pm	The Second Sunday of Advent <i>Holy Eucharist</i> Special Service - Outdoors for Advent 2	The Atlee House (weather permitting)
		Chili Potluck after Worship	Atlee House