



Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love

Season after Pentecost - Proper 24
October 17, 2021

Currently we ask that everyone wear masks during worship; worship leaders will remove masks to speak and are fully vaccinated. Please note that this service is live streamed on Facebook. If you do not want to appear on the live stream, please let an usher know and you will be seated outside the range of the cameras.

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Opening Hymn

Praise our God, Eternal Goodness

1. Praise our God, E - ter - nal Good - ness, Shin - ing bright - ly
2. Praise our God who gives us pow - er, For She dwells with -
3. Praise to God whose lov - ing kind - ness Flows forth free - ly

all a - round. Heaven and earth dis - play Her full - ness;
in us all. By Her grace we ful - ly flow - er,
all our days. Sing to Her a song of glad - ness,

With Her gifts we all a - bound. Al - le - lu - ia!
That we may ful - fill our call. Al - le - lu - ia!
For with us She ev - er stays. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Let us all God's prais - es sound.
Al - le - lu - ia! Look, She breaks down ev - ery wall.
Al - le - lu - ia! Look, She shows us Wis - dom's ways.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

Job 38:1-7

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37c

1. **Bless the Lord, O my soul; * O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.**
2. **You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**
3. **You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your
chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.**
4. **You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.**
5. **You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.**
6. **You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the
mountains.**
7. **At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.**
8. **They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had
appointed for them.**
9. **You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.**
25. **O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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Gradual Hymn

Alleluia Celtic

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a D chord (all open 5th) and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody with C, A, and D chords. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The word "Celtic" is written below the second staff, and "Alleluia" is written below the first staff.

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* *standing*

**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 *standing*

Presider Holy One of blessing, rock beneath our feet: we turn our hearts to you.

Leader We pray for the Church, your body in the world, that all who walk this path may be grounded in your compassion.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for all who hold and seek authority in this nation, that they may guide us to prioritize the common good and reach for reconciliation among all people.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for the wonder of creation, that we may have the wisdom and strength to set aside privilege, greed and fear, and work for your justice throughout the world.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for this gathering, that we may be bold in our care for friend and stranger. We thank you for the blessing of Robert and Carolyn; George; Jeff, Natasha, Lorelei and Rhiannon; Monica, Gregory and Paige, members of our parish family. Help us all to hear your call and see you at work in this community.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for those who are sick, scared, or suffering, especially those on our Parish prayer list, and all those suffering from or affected by Covid-19.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Becky Grushon, Pat Megel, Robert Olacio, Betty Preston and those we now name____, that they may be welcomed into the great cloud of witnesses. We pray that in time, we may also come to feast at your welcome table.

People We open our hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider Nurturing God, your love is free, your compassion unconditional, and your mercy infinite. You shower upon us gifts in abundance. Grant that we may know and trust these gifts, and be inspired to serve from the joy they bring. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Thanksgivings and Concerns

The Hands of God



To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - joice in the hands_ of God. May God's
pow - er-ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - joice in the hands_ of God.

The Offertory

Presider Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

Offertory Hymn 469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Introduction

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

Interlude/Conclusion

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
 Music: *St. Helena*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

For those gathered in person, if you wish to make a gift you can do so when an usher brings the offering plate to you. If you would like to make a gift online, you can securely do so through [PayPal here](#). You can also mail checks to the church at 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill CA, 94523. Thank you!

The Great Thanksgiving

standing

Presider All things come of you O God.
People And of your own have we given you.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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 the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Mary the God-bearer, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

ALL **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. *Please gather around the altar, giving those on either side of you some space. Place one hand on top of the other to receive the bread. We will not be sharing wine or grape juice today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just ask.*

Gluten free wafers are available; *please let Rev. Liz know if that's your preference.*

If you are worshiping via livestream, you may wish to pray this prayer during communion:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

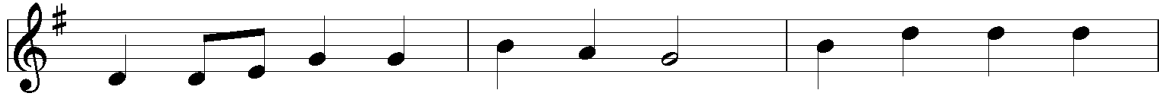
All who hunger gather gladly



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

Communion Hymn

Take, O take me as I am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Words and Music by
John L. Bell (b. 1949);
Iona Community

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Final Blessing

Presider The Wisdom of God
the Love of God and
the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Gracious Spirit, give your servants



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your



glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the



show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

Jacki M.	Mary Lou
Rachel E.	Kenny
Valerie F	Len
Neil	Peggy
Lian	Pauline
John	Eloise
Carol Ann	Katherine
Pat A.	Violaine
Mark G.	Jennifer
Deane	Pam
Russ	Mary Pat
Maria	Chris
Paige	Carmel
Carole	Cammy
David	Robyn
Diane	Skip
Matt M.	Rev. Steve
Katie	Rick
Kristin E.	Bob
John C.	Teresa
Steve	Paula
Julie	Jeff
Christina	Grace
Emily	Joy
Laurel & Saki	Amy
Leonard	Kathie
Mike & Veronique	Shelly
Diane & Jared	Julie
Julie	Matthew
John & family	Dave
Sandy	Pat
Betsy	Rosella
Nancy	John
Altrina	Kris' family
Phyllis I.	Bev
Klaus	Meg
Sally & Cary	Rick
Glenn	Chaz
Jennifer M.	Marcos
Jim	Jim
Jake & family	Jordan
Becky	Dick
Karen	

Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

Pentecost – Proper 24
10:15 a.m. – October 17, 2021

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Lay Eucharistic Minister	Gary Lawrence
Reader	Phil Matthews
Guest Musician	Dan Damon
Videographer	Ken Carlson
Sound Tech	Rob Evans
Communion Bread Maker	Joan Lawrence
Altar Guild	Emma Jones, Lori Vella, Jean Slattery
Ushers	Jeremy Carlson, Ken Carlson, Mitch Turner

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