



The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021 ~ 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector
Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ Season after Pentecost +

GATHERING

* = *Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit* | ☩ = *a customary time to “cross” oneself*

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J. S. Bach

* ENTRANCE HYMN

A mighty fortress is our God

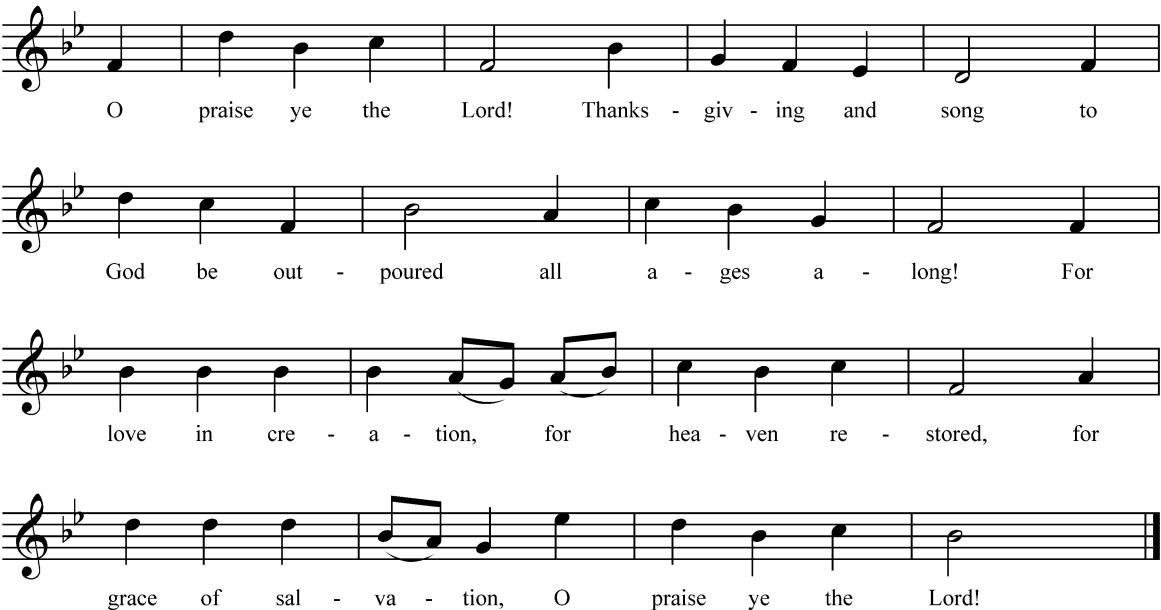
Hymnal 688

* THE ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant Let us pray.
All 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.

* SONG OF PRAISE

O praise ye the Lord



O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song to
God be out - poured all a - ges a - long! For
love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored, for
grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

WORD

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

Reader A reading from the book of Ruth.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146 (Sung by all)



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- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:11-14

Reader A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

* SEQUENCE HYMN

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Hymnal 546

* THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ♫ ♫ ♫**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

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**

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world.

Sustaining God, all creation bears witness to your glory. Make us good stewards of this world you have made, that we may use its resources to honor you and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Holy God, you sent your Son to live and die for us, and he taught us how to live as resurrection people. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; April and David, our priests; Sarah and Caroline, our seminarians; and for all ministers of your church, that we may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Omnipotent God, your judgments are full of mercy. Guide the leaders of this land and all the nations by your holy wisdom, that all the families of the world may live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Reconciling God, you mend the divisions between us. Help us to face challenges with humility and gentleness, that our relationships with one another may reflect the life we share with you. Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Merciful God, you look with tenderness on your people in need. Minister to those who live in the midst of illness, poverty and oppression, and help us to seek and serve Christ in our neighbors. We pray especially for

Wilma, Bill, Patricia, Tony, Susan, Russell, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Niysah, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Ann;

We pray for Emily and Katie, who are with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad.

(The congregation is invited to name others, aloud or silently.)

Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Eternal God, you have made for us a home in heaven. Bless those who have died, and bring us with them to the joyful banquet of your unending love.

(The congregation is invited to name others, aloud or silently.)

Lord, in your mercy,
People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Beloved Companion, you deal with us kindly in steadfast love, lifting up those bent low with care and sustaining the weak and oppressed. Release us from our anxious fears, that we, holding fast to your commandments, may honor you with all that we are and all that we have. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All **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.**

Priest 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grant us Thy Peace

Mendelssohn

*Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.*

* THE PRESENTATION

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2
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* SURSUM CORDA

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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.

(The Celebrant continues)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

All: Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Since the love of Christ has joined us* **Hymnal 606**

SENDING

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

* HYMN IN PROCESSION

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

* THE DISMISSAL.

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Walther

Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Preacher	The Rev. April Berends
Organist	Karla Fowkes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday (November 7), brings Grace's annual All Saints' service, and we will continue our tradition of remembering those who have died in the past year in the liturgy. Along with reading the names of loved ones who have gone on, Grace will offer an altar of remembrance on which you are invited to place pictures or other tokens significant to these relationships (these should be reclaimed after the service). If you would like to add a name to the list of those to be remembered, please call Dabney at 243-3257 or e-mail dcarden@saygrace.net.

It's Stewardship Season! The vestry, rector, staff and finance team are preparing for life together at Grace in 2022, and we'll be launching our annual giving campaign this week. Look for information in Gracenotes, saygrace.net, in your mailboxes and on our social media in the weeks to come as we seek to name, celebrate and steward the gifts, financial and otherwise, that God has given us in this community of Grace. Please pray about what you may be called to offer as we make our commitments for the coming year.

Scripture Discussion Group @ 9:30am each Sunday in the courtyard or Barth Room, depending on the weather –This group is resuming after a long hiatus! We meet in the courtyard at 9:30am on Sundays as we look through the readings assigned for that Sunday. Scripture is a wacky and beautiful tapestry -- join us as we discuss diverse parts of it! All are welcome! And if you've got kids, feel free to drop them off at the Pavilion, where Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell will have activities for them.

New Adult Class -- God is in the waters that flow down the Appalachian mountains near us -- what do these waters tell us as Christians and environmental stewards? **Starting this morning (Oct. 31), we begin a new Sunday school series at 9:30am in the undercroft.** We'll be watching the film *Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia*, using a new curriculum called "Wherever the River Goes," developed by a Care of Creation grant from the Episcopal Church. All are welcome to join!

Though **Queering Scripture began last Monday**, the Rev. April Berends and our Seminarian, Sarah Hess, will be glad to welcome you to a class on reading scripture with an eye towards God's care and love for LGBTQ+ people. We're exploring a variety of ways to read scripture faithfully, taking a close look at those passages of scripture that have so often been used as "clobber passages," and delving into the stories of scripture in ways allow us to connect with our own experiences as God's people. This class meets at 7pm on Monday nights via Zoom. Email April at aberends@saygrace.net or Sarah at hessse0@sewanee.edu.

All are invited to a **celebration of the life of Breezie Finley**, who directed Grace's Altar Guild for many years and whose ministry reached into hospitals, Alzheimer's units, the offices at Grace, and heaven only knows where else! The service will be on **Saturday, November 6, at 1 p.m.**, with interment in the Memorial Garden afterward. A reception in the Undercroft will follow the interment. Masks are required. Set-up for the reception is planned for Friday, November 5, at noon; if you can help with that or with cleaning up afterward on Saturday, please contact Terry Burnett at terry.burnett56@gmail.com.

The Grace Online Directory has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item "BREEZE" at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is 'saygrace' and the password is 'Chattanooga'. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

Financial Information -- Grace has moved its electronic giving from Tithe.ly to Breeze. You may use this link to get there -- <https://graceepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online>. Please note that if you set up your information at Tithe.ly for ongoing donations (rather than just making a one-time gift), you will need to do the same at Breeze. You can also access Breeze through the **Grace Web Page** (www.saygrace.net); you'll find it at the right-end of the horizontal menu listings near the top of the page.

Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414**.

If you'd like to give Altar Flowers during the rest of this year, please contact the office (423) 243-3257/dcarden@saygrace.net to sign up for a Sunday. Cost is \$77, and all donors need do is provide a dedication and the previously mentioned sum. Because it's been so long since we've had flower donors and so many circumstances have changed, we are deleting all standing orders (unless you've been in touch with the office about them already) and beginning from scratch. If you want to establish a standing order, please contact the office.

Mission of Grace Episcopal Church

To provide a reverent place for Christian worship, learning, and service in the Anglican tradition, with special emphasis on the healing, nurturing, and challenging character of the Holy Spirit, open to and respecting all who would come.

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