

Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:00 A.M.
22nd after Pentecost

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

HYMN: O Threefold God Tender Unity
(see insert)

The grace of God be with you,
The grace of Christ be with you,
The grace of Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Savior. Amen.

Collect
Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received–abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, **Amen**.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 1
Reader: Corinne MacLean

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of God
and on God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Holy One watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 117 By the Well a Thirsty Woman
(Red Book)

Sung: Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ

Sung: Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
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Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People: *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 483 May the Spirit of Christ Be Our Hope (*Blue Book*)

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Gracious God:…….
……..and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy holy are you,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: As a mother,….
……..We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.
All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit
……..in songs of everlasting praise.

Amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. Amen
Juleta Severson-Baker

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: Praise Our God and Saviour

Praise Our God and Saviour O
Praise Our God and Saviour O
For God's Love endures forever, Alleluia, Alleluia

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 51 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
(Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 507 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Vs. 1,2,3,5,6 (Blue Book)

The Dismissal

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AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

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