Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 29, 2025

A Community committed to Grow Spiritually & Do Christ's work!



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Jeffrey Blersch (b. 1967)

Welcome & Announcements



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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Word of God

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Jesus said: The first commandment is this; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

A Reading from the Second book of Kings. [2:1-2, 6-14]

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

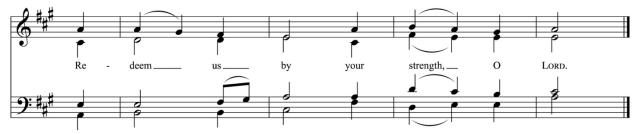
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20



- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
 - I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- In the day of my trouble I sought the <u>Lord</u>; *
 my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
 I refused to be <u>comforted</u>. [ANT.]
- I will remember the works of the <u>LORD</u>, * and call to mind your wonders of old <u>time</u>.
- 12 I will meditate on all your <u>acts</u> * and ponder your mighty d<u>eeds</u>. [ANT.]
- A 13 Your way, O God, is <u>holy</u>; * who is so great a god as our <u>God</u>?
- A 14 You are the God who works wonders * and have declared your power among the peoples.
- B 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * the children of Jacob and <u>Joseph</u>. [ANT.]
- A 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * the very depths were shaken.
- A 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies <u>thundered</u>; * your arrows flashed to and fro;
- B 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; *
 the earth trembled and shook. [ANT.]
 - 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * yet your footsteps were not seen.
 - You led your people like a <u>flock</u> *
 by the hand of Moses and <u>Aaron</u>. [ANT.]

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia [5:1, 13-25]

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

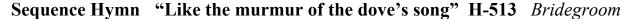
For you were called to freedom, people of God; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

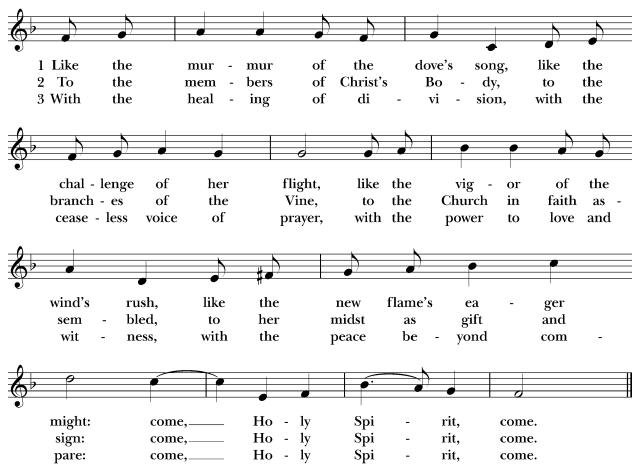
Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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The Gospel

Priest The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke. [9:51-62]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christopher Potter

CREED (All stand in body or spirit)

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

Priest If we live by the Spirit, children of God, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

And, guided by the Spirit, let us raise our voice trusting in the God who

saves.

Intercessor We give you thanks, O God, that for freedom Christ has set us free.

Though at times it challenges our patience, we also give you thanks for the freedom, through love, to become servants of one another. *Silence*. We

cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor Gracious God, give us the will and the strength to prepare the way for the

Reign of justice and peace to come. May love heal our factions and peace

overcome strife. Silence. We cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor Your paths are in the great waters, mighty Redeemer. We thank you that

by the waters of baptism you have made us members of your household. (Members of the congregation may add their thanksgivings aloud or in

the silence of their heart). We cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, you rebuked your disciples James and John when they desired

the destruction of others. Instill in us gentleness and self-control that we might learn to love even those with whom we strongly disagree. Teach us

alternatives to war. Silence. We cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor You are the God who works wonders. We offer to you our sincere prayers

for our hurting loved ones. Work wonders in their hearts and lives, we pray. (Members of the congregation may add their petitions, followed by

silence.) We cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Intercessor By your strength, O God, you redeem your people. Lead us by your Spirit

and make us fit for your heavenly Kingdom. Silence. We cry aloud to you;

People O God, hear us.

Priest Fill us, O God, with boldness to respond to your call to peace. Help us

leave behind anything that distracts us from the urgency of your Kingdom where justice and mercy lead us to everlasting life, with Jesus Christ who

lives and reigns in that Kingdom, now and forever.

People Amen.

(Please be seated)

Priest We pray for those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week.

(See Announcements)

(Celebrants present please stand, if you wish.)

BIRTHDAYS (please extend your hands in blessing)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN (Standing or kneeling...)

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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

(All stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

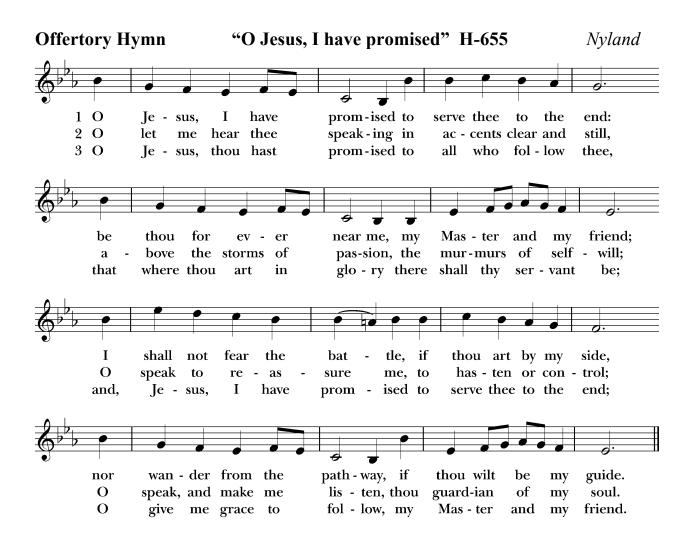
People And also with you.

(All present share Christ's peace with one another)

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Priest Walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest All things come from thee, O God.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you forever and ever.

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. By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

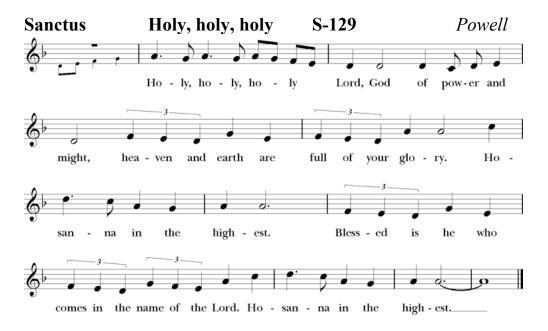
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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:



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 all 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,

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

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

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

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. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(A period of silence is kept.)



INVITATION

Priest

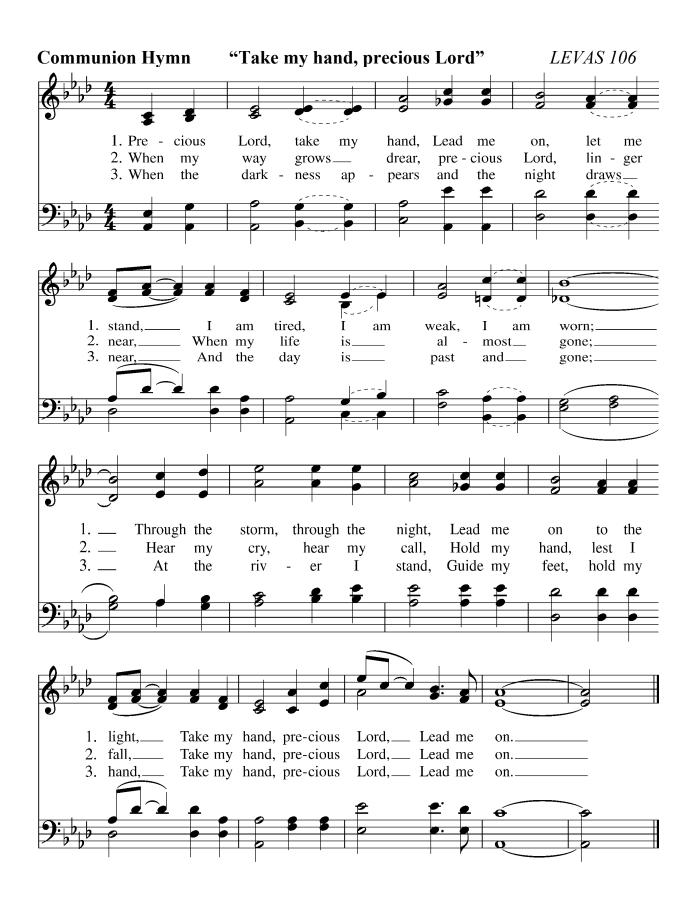
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As we move into this time of sharing communion, please know that we believe that Christ is truly present in the blessed bread and wine. This is Christ's table, and Christ welcomes all. At the time of communion, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive the blessed bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ. You can hold out your hands to receive the bread, and for the wine, you can drink from the cup or dip your piece of blessed bread into the bowl of sacred wine. If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar; please cross your arms upon your chest. If you feel drawn to receive communion and you are not yet baptized, you are invited to consider whether this may in fact be a call to baptism. You are encouraged to speak to the priest following the service.

Members of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician Healing Ministry offer prayers for healing while Holy Communion is being distributed. To receive personal Anointing and prayers, proceed to the Altar at the left front of the Nave.

Communion Hymn "If you believe and I believe" WLP 806 Traditional Zimbabwe Sung Twice





Commissioning Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth

bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us

in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread,

one cup. May hearts be kindled, bodies restored and hope

enlivened. Our prayers go with you.

Post-Communion Prayer

(Standing or kneeling, we pray...)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

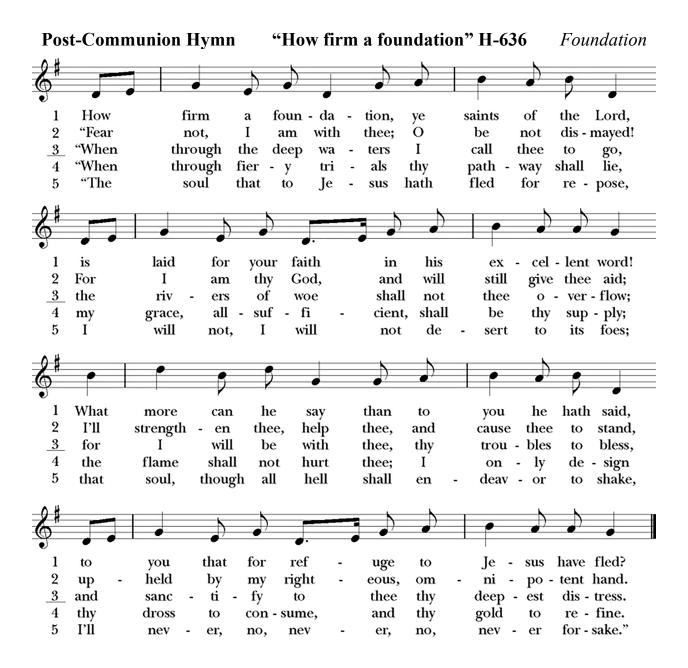
Priest Come to God, the beloved, and your heavy burdens will be shared burdens.

Take the yoke of love upon you and learn how to love everyone.

Be gentle and humble in heart, and you will find peace.

Go with God, who loves you, Father, Son and Holy Spirt.

People Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Toccata on 'FOUNDATION'" Craig Phillips (b. 1961)