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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24
Saturday evening October 17 & Sunday October 18, 2026

We are grateful to the Reverend Steve Schunk
for his service as the celebrant of today's Eucharist

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

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Entrance Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* *Hymnal #594*

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

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Glory to God *Hymnal #S 280*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect of The Day **BCP page 235**

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.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector 1: A reading from the book of Exodus *Exodus 33:12-23*

12 Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let
me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have
also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your
ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your
people." 14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he said to
him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that
I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall
be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

17 The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor
in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he
said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The
Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will
show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." 21 And
the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while
my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I
have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall
not be seen."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Lector 1: We will read *Psalm 99* responsively by half verse.

1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Lector 2: A reading from Paul to the church in Thessalonica *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what
kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy
Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For
the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in
every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.
9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to
God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom
he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ***Spirit Divine*** ***Hymnal #509***

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 22:15-22*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do
not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to

Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

~ Sermon ~

Nicene Creed **BCP page 358**

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.

<u>Prayers of the People</u> **BCP page 392**

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Litanist: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Litanist: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Litanist: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Litanist: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Litanist: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Litanist: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sally, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

All: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Litanist: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Let us begin by lifting up all who are on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names:

Mary Allan**, Finn** Duffell**, Joanne** Kranch**, Carole** McAllister, **Kathy** McCaffrey, **Bill** McGrath, **Carolyn** Mack, **Rob & Rose** Malara, **Althea** Martie, **Barbara** Moore, **Anne** Morrissey, **Lynn** Novak, **Chris** O., **Lisa** Parker, **the Percopo Family**, **Jacob, Diane & Lily** Peskin, **Angie** Pocsi, **Linda & Norman** Pugliese, **Patti & JR** Pugliese, **and the St. Peter's Community that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.**

Silence

People may add petitions either silent or aloud.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin — BCP page 393

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Hymn — ***From All That Dwell*** — ***Hymnal #380***

Eucharistic Prayer A — **BCP page 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy

Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ***Hymnal #S 130***

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your all the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 ***Hymnal #S 146***

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All:

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** Alleluia!

Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need a gluten free host, inform the Priest.

If you wish to receive communion host and dip it in the consecrated wine, remain at the altar rail and hold the bread or host in your hand until the gold chalice comes to you. Then dip the host into the wine and consume the communion bread and wine.

If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice, leave the altar rail after you consume the bread or host and move to the Eucharistic Minister with the silver sipping chalice at the left side of the altar rail.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the People of God.

Post-Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* *Hymnal #341*

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father** **BCP 365**
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.

Announcements

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

The Celebrant's Blessing

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn: *Ye Servants of God* *Hymnal #535*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
Join us, if you can, in the parish house for a short time of fellowship after this service.
You are always welcome here.