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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 25
Saturday evening October 24 & Sunday October 25, 2026

We are grateful to the Reverend Joyce Scheyer
for her service as the celebrant of today's Eucharist

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

LEN VAN ORDEN, *WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY*
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BARBARA SWEETON, *LECTOR 1 & PSALM LEADER*
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Entrance Hymn *We Gather Together* *Hymnal #433*

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Deuteronomy *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is
opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali,
the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the Negeb,
and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. 4 The Lord said
to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it
to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."
5 Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command.
6 He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial
place to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was

unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. 8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.
11 He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, 12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Lector 1: We will read *Psalm 90, verses 1-6, 13-17* responsively by half verse.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another

.2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Lector 2: A reading from Paul to the church in Thessalonica *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but
though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we
had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For
our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have
been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not
to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our
witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek
praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made
demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring
for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with
you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear
to us.

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 22:34-46*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,
35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which
commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest
and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What
do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He
said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

Prayers of the People — 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:

Jim Cox**, Gen & Joan, Anne** Morrisey**, Eugene R.**, **Chris** Reedel, **Macy** Robbins, **Kay** Roberts, **Tomm** Robinson, **Judy** Rosenberg, **Nancy** Rudko, **David** Rulli, **Barbara S.**, **Carol** Schmitt, **Catherine** S., **Chris** S., **Joan** S., **Bob & Cynthia** Shull, **Baby Charlie** James Smith, **Susie** T., **Candy** Turner, **Cameron** Valez, **Marilyn** W., **the White Family**, **Rita & Ken** Woodfield, **Terry** Woods, **Dave** Worden, **Lily, Michaela 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 — ***The King of Love my Shepherd Is*** — ***Hymnal #645***

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* *Hymnal #383*

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: *Jesus Shall Reign* *Hymnal #544*

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.