



# The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

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## *Vision & Mission*

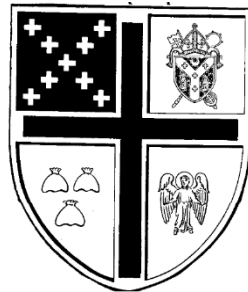
### *Vision*

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through God's forgiving love.

### *Mission*

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness  
To strengthen and encourage each other  
To advocate for and empower those in need, and  
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

**H 68**

*Words, Laurentius Laurenti, Sarah Findlanter; Music, Llangloffan*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS


*S 280*

*Setting, Robert Powell*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and




peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly




King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we




give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy




on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



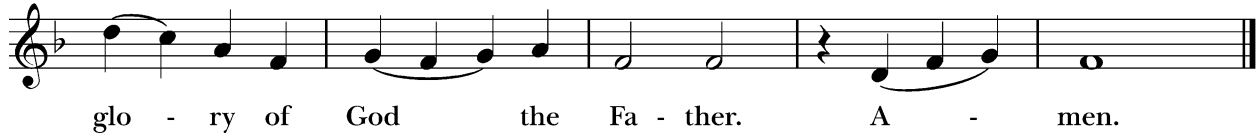
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.

<sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

<sup>14</sup>One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

<sup>15</sup>To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

<sup>16</sup>because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,

and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 70**

*The People respond by half verse*

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
“Great is the LORD!”

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

<sup>6</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

Light and lively  $\text{♩} = 116$  Jacques Berthier, 1964

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.



[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

**FR. JEFF HURST**

## **THE CREED**

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.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All sit.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diane, and all bishops,  
priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President Joseph, our Governor Michael, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For those who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested and those whose names are on our parish intercession list, and those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned by this congregation.

We remember our police force, first responders, medical personnel and educators.

*That they would be effective in all their labors and service for our community*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, *especially Nicolas Turlin*, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **PARISH PRAYER**

*In unison*

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

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

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN**            *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*            **H 436**

*Words, Georg Weissel, Catherine Winkworth; Music, Lowell Mason*

**Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5**

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

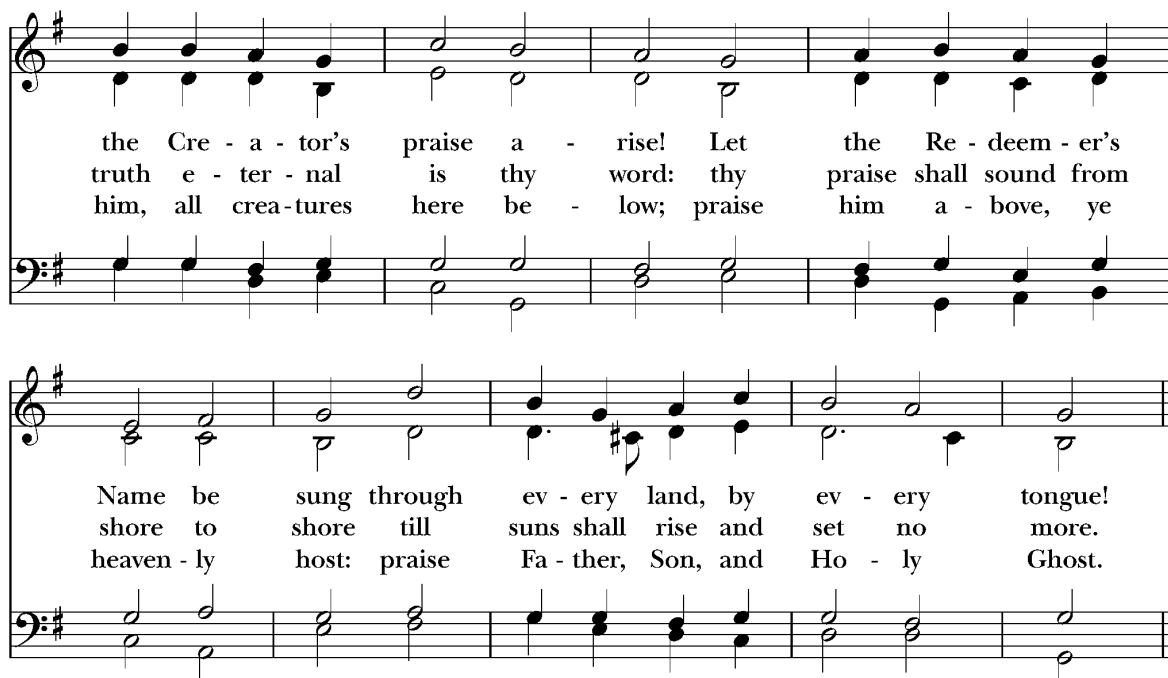
**H 380**

**Vs. 3**

*Words, Issac Watts; music, Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Choir will sing the Amen*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Priest* : All things come of thee O Lord

*People* : And of thine own we have given thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

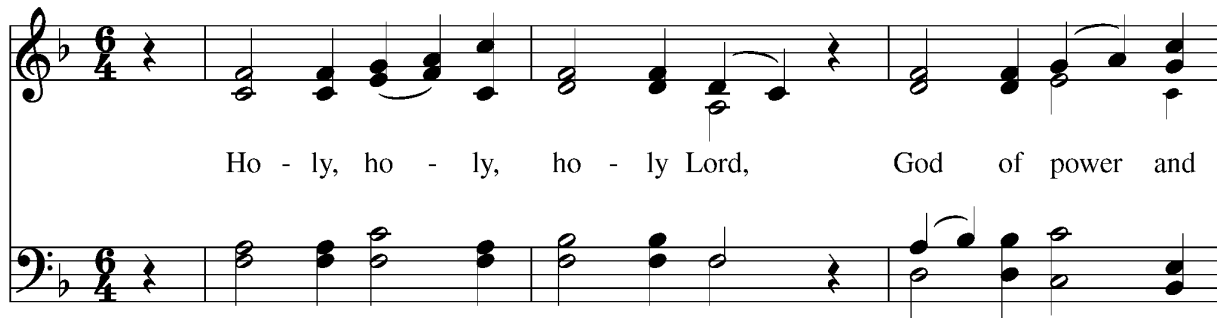
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

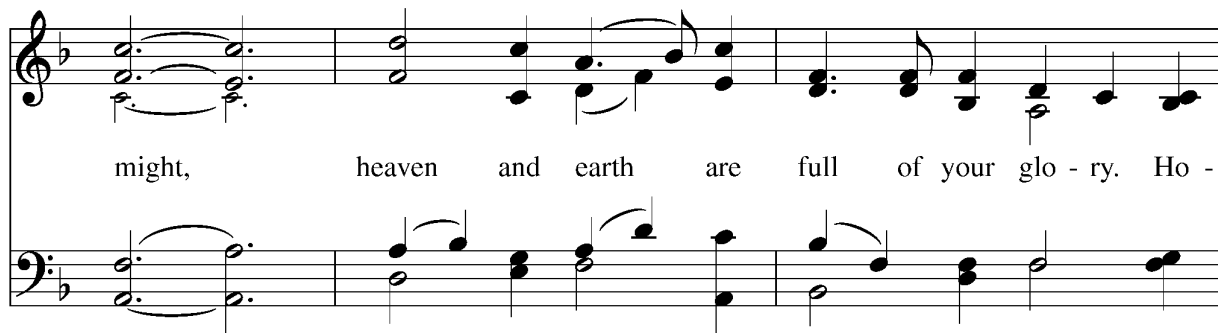
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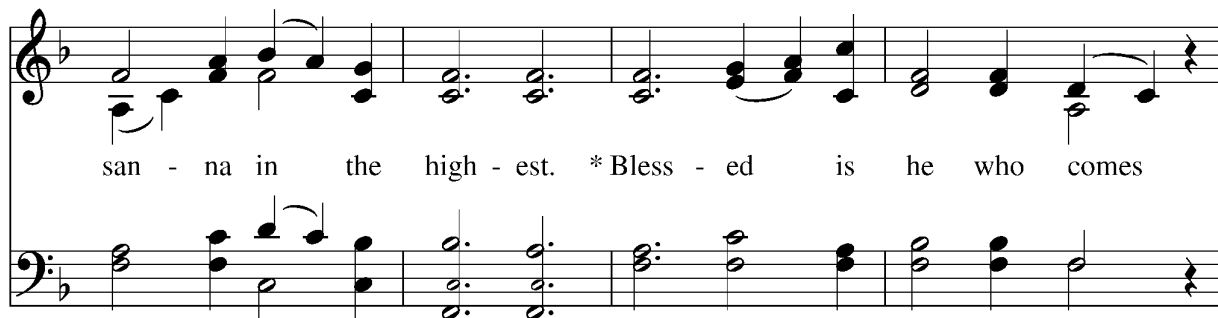
*American folk melody*



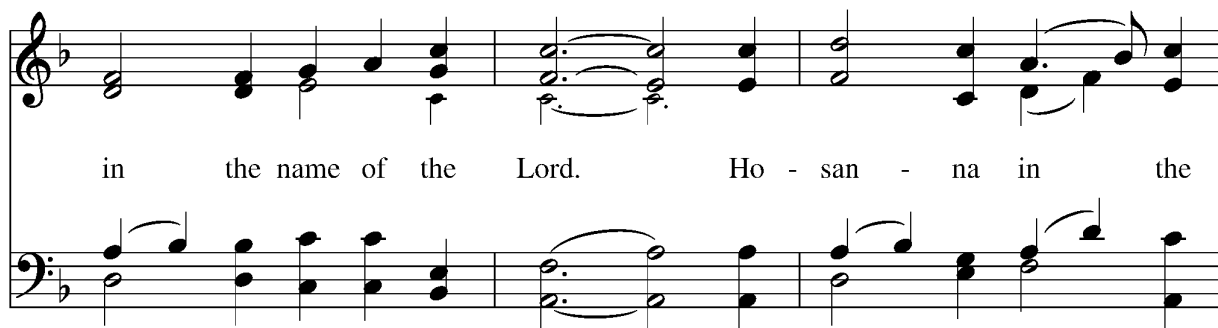
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

*\*Optional text:*

Bless - ed is the one

The optional text is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The melody is simple and consists of six notes: a quarter note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a quarter note. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 people 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. *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**

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S 154**

*Setting: Robert Powell*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

## HUMBLE ACCESS

*In unison*

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
 trusting in our own righteousness,  
 but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
 the crumbs under your table;  
 but you are the same Lord  
 whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
 and to drink his blood,  
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*Communion for those streaming.*

The bread of heaven. The cup of salvation.

## COMMUNION HYMN      *Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands*      H 312

*Words, Charles William Humphreys; Music, David McKinley Williams*



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

*Judge eternal, throned in splendor H 596*

*Words, Henry Scott Holland; Music, Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, while the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the three verses of the hymn.

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## Announcements

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost This Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coc Meeting</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DOK Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Group Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer Zoom</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Flying Solo</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
<b>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**Everyone Welcome!** If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

**A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up.** If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com). The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Potluck** after service on Sunday, November 19. Check with Christina Brooks for information on sign up sheets or any questions.