

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome.*



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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Prelude

Entrance Chimes

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

HOLY SCRIPTURE

The First Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger;

***he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.***

The Lord shall reign for ever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Alleluia

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and

with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Alleluia

A Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand, in body or spirit.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us call upon God for the needs of all peoples in the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially: **Joe Murphy, Bonnie Helm, Jack Helm**, and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for **Laura Campbell, Jennifer Zimmerman, Jamie McCormick, Pam McCarthy, Ted Heagle, Gary Herrlich, Judy Cerio, flood victims, those suffering from COVID-19, those on our Prayer Chain**, and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask prayers for those who have birthdays or anniversaries this week, especially: **Candice Hill, Susan Peck, Gale Galusha, Victoria Andke**, and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (*Pause*) Pray that their days may be filled with joy and blessings.

Silence

God of all, you call on us to serve you and one another: Hear the prayers we offer this day and lead us to true humility, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Let us make our confession unto God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have resisted your will in our lives. We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other, and in the world which you have made. Reach out your saving arm and rescue us. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will for your people and all creation. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet others with a bow or a wave as a non-physical way to extend the peace. Please do not move from your pew as to maintain proper distance.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in the care of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

You are invited to Christ's Table for Communion. Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread under your mask and in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.

Communion Music

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

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. 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.

A BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, and the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. ***Amen.***

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Postlude

ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION BREAD

Today's communion elements are given
in loving memory of their parents and grandparents,
Bonny and Jack Helm,
by Anne, T.J, Jack, and Mason Galvin

Today's altar flowers are given by
Judy Zimmerman
and
Patty Pinkston

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION

CLERGY

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - The Very Rev. Troy Preston

LECTORS

8:00 a.m. – John Peck

10:00 a.m. – Rich Grzybowski, Joni Makowiec

ORGANIST

Karen Bailey

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

Loretta Preston

USHERS/GREETERS

Jan Farnsworth, Martha Tober, Pam McCarthy, Phil Huber

ALTAR GUILD

Jo Ann Cole, Jane Dillon, Martha Tober

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Prince G. Singh, Bishop

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector

The Rev. Joshua Barrett, Priest Associate

Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary

John A. Sosa, Sexton

Sr. Warden

Bill Scheidweiler

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Anne Galvin

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Patty Campbell

Vestry

Class of 2021

Phil Huber
Rich Murray
Chris Walters

Marion Ivy

Class of 2022

Patty Campbell
Marion Ivy
Bobby Rockwell

Diocesan Delegate

Lizz Jones

Class of 2023

Andrea Bookbinder
Erin Fairbrother
Chris Wentzel

Roberta McDonald

SERVICE GUIDELINES

- Properly wear a face mask, covering both nose and mouth, regardless of vaccination status.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the space for worship.
- Practice physical distancing in order to be in social contact with everyone in a safe manner.
- If you utilize a restroom, please use the supplies provided to sanitize the space after you are done.
- If you are feeling sick, or have underlying health concerns, please stay home and utilize the online service option.
- Ushers will be recording names and telephone numbers of attendees for contact tracing purposes. Please be gracious with offering your first and last name. Not every usher knows all individuals by both first and last name.
- Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays will continue to be available through Zoom only.
- Nursery Care, Sunday School, and Coffee Hour will continue to be suspended until further notice.
- The 10 a.m. service will be live streamed on YouTube.