

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024, at 11:15 am & Livestreamed Online

RITES OF INITIATION & HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Concerto for Two Cellos, RV531 1. Allegro Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

The St. Columba Orchestra ~ Andrew Lee, conductor Mo Gruber and Vlad Popov, cello soloists ~ Ann Colgrove, continuo

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn WLP 778

We all are one in mission

Nyland

This hymn is in **Wonder**, **Love**, **and Praise**, the green hymnal supplement found in your pew rack.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God, Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *seated* Exodus 3:1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land,

a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-12

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) and Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.



O God, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O God, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *Antiphon*

Where can I go then from your Spirit; * where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast. *Antiphon*

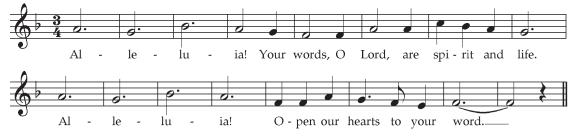
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia standing as you are able

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



The Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Congregation may remain seated until invited to stand.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

Gabriel David Ardila	Jude Timothy Daniel	Clara Gresham McQuaid
Matthew Ernest Avero-Sturm	Ewan Galloway Davis	Amelia Charlotte Menefee
Claire Violet Brimley	Adam Thomas Krepps	Luke William Schloetzer
Matthew Legden Burwell	Davis Christopher Luckett	Jillian Marlene Shaffer
Nicole Lynn Canizzaro	Austin James MacDougall	Acher René Somodevilla
Euan George Cole	William Austin McAllister	

Presenters I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Elie Avero-Sturm	Elizabeth Schickedanz Haile	Douglas Cowne McAllister
Cynthia Marie Cathcart	John Christopher Haile	Laura Day Sheldon
Amelia Allison DeGory	Leslie A. Lawson	

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Do you reaffirm your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented the Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The People stand as they are able.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

The Intercessor leads the following petitions

Holy One: Open their hearts to your grace and truth, and deliver them from the way of sin and death. Loving God, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit and keep them in the faith and communion of your Church. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit and send them into the world in witness to your love. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confirmation and Reception

Those being confirmed or received are presented to the bishop individually. The Bishop lays hands upon each confirmand, and offers a prayer for each candidate, to which the People respond **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Music

Concerto for Two Cellos, RV531 2. Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

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Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

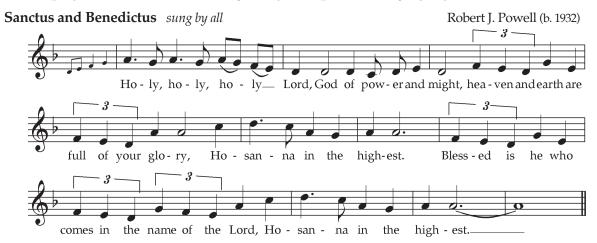
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Savior you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 and gracious God: 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 Creator of all.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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 all 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 God, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

The People sing the refrain with the Choir and where indicated in the text.



The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. *Refrain* One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Invitation to Communion

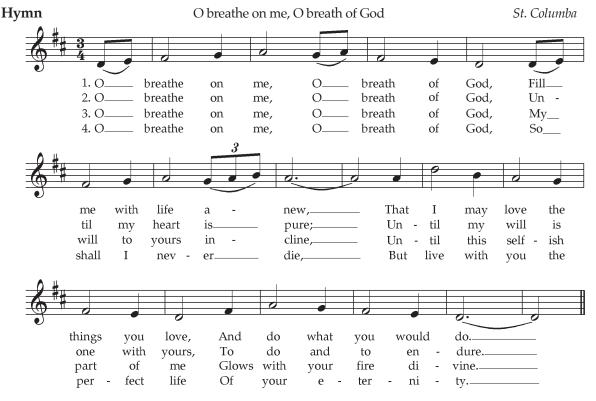
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesus fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining. O sweet, O pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.



— Text: Edwin Hatch (1835–1889)

Prayer after Communion standing as you are able

Let us pray.

Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers when scheduled

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N*. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Michael

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Concerto for Two Cellos, RV531
3. Allegro

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Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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