

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024, at 9:15 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Songs

Sara Curtin, Wee Worship musician

Prelude

Introit

Sonata in A Major, No. 11, alla Turca, K. 331 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Theodore Allen-Schack, piano (1756–1791)

Festival Fanfare

Peggy A. Thompson

The Genesis Ringers

Jesus in the morning

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Traditional Spiritual

- 1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!
- 2. Praise Him . . .
- 3. Love Him . . .
- 4. Serve Him . . .

Opening Acclamation

Let us love God with all our hearts. **And our neighbors as ourselves.** Let us love God with all our minds. **And our neighbors as ourselves.** Let us love God with all our strength. **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

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 Savior. **Amen.**

Song of Praise seated

I give thanks The Primary Choir Toni Sullivan

I give thanks, I give thanks, I give thanks with a grateful heart. I give thanks, I give thanks, I give thanks with a grateful heart.

God has given us this world, the moon and stars and sun.

The land and seas, the birds and trees, God's given ev'ry one. Refrain

God has given us good friends, our loving fam'lies too,

the people who will share the love that's sent from heav'n above. *Refrain*

— Text: Toni Sullivan

Collect of the Day *standing as you are able*

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

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950–1999)

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

Traditional Caribbean



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.

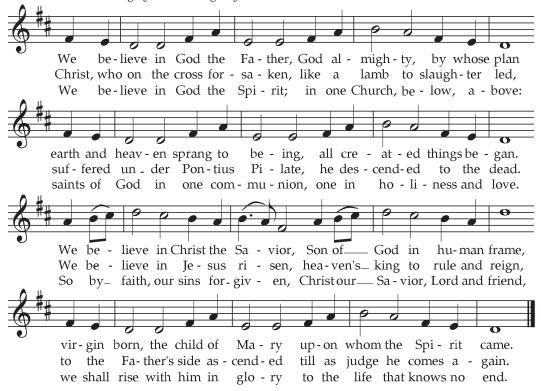
Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning at the Peace.

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.

The Nicene Creed sung by all, standing as you are able



Prayers of the People

Intercessor Grant, O God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, and give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation.

The People sing



Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially . . . and those we name aloud or hold in our heart . . . We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially . . . and those we name aloud or hold in our heart . . .

The People sing Loving God, hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life, especially . . . and those we name aloud or hold in our heart . . .

The People sing Loving God, hear our prayer.

O God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son; mercifully accept our prayers, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution standing or kneeling as you are able

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins 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.**

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.

Anthem

A Jubilant Song

Victor C. Johnson (b. 1978)

The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs

Cantate Domino canticum novum. (Sing to God a new song.) Lift up your voice in jubilant song! *Cantate Domino canticum novum.* Lift up your voice, sing and rejoice, alleluia! *Cantate Domino!*

O let your heart sing a jubilant new song, and let your spirit be glad!

Come let us sing a joyful song of praise. Alleluia, alleluia!

-Text: Traditional Latin and Victor C. Johnson

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.

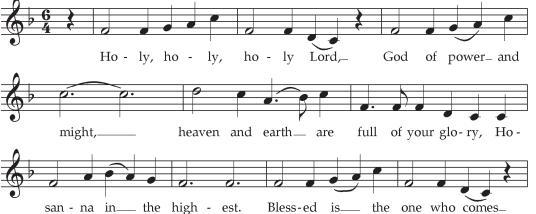
Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

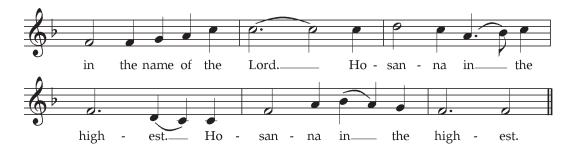
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus and Benedictus sung by all

American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner (1936–2013)





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 now sing,

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

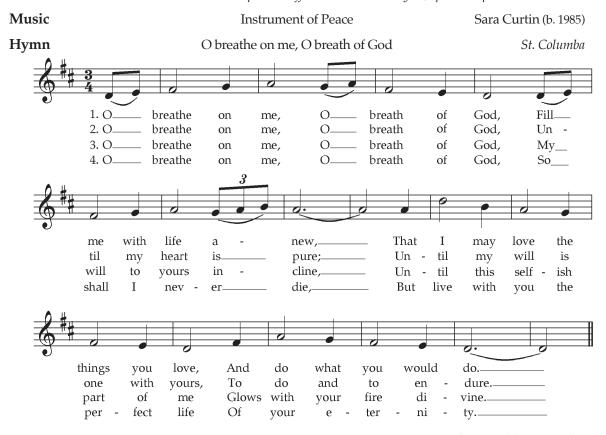
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.



— 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.

Hymn

You've got the whole world

- 1. You've got the whole world in your hands.
- 2. You've got the sun and the moon . . .
- 3. You've got the wind and the rain . . .
- 4. You've got everybody here in your hands.
- 5. You've got the whole world in your hands.

Dismissal

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

Sending Hymn *sung by all* Go now in peace

Natalie Sleeth (1930–1992)

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Postlude Gigue fugue Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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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