



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 27, 2024, AT 9 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 545 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit

Prelude Mike Abney
The Genesis Ringers

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

People of God, gather together

Earth and All Stars

Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - ge - ther, come, let us
Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the
sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
joy as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord,
share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain
praise to the Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
made in God's im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, wel - com - ing all.
heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
thanks ne - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.
Come let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,
prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

—Text: Patricia B. Clark (1938–2009)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

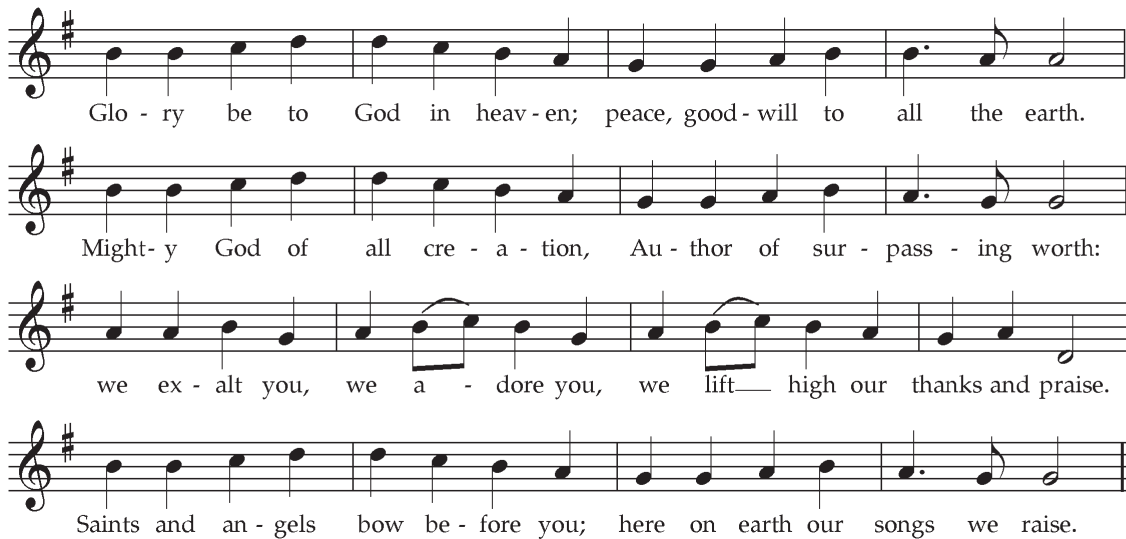
Collect for Purity

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

Glory be to God in heaven

Hymn to Joy



Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Au - thor of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift — high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

—Text: Martin A. Seltz (b. 1951)

Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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
Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Faith Story *seated* The Rev. Dawn Booth, Deacon

This morning we continue our series of Faith Stories shared by members of the St. Columba's community. Each of us has a unique faith journey. Faith Stories are a way to share this journey and hear God speak through one another.

First Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 126

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950–1999)

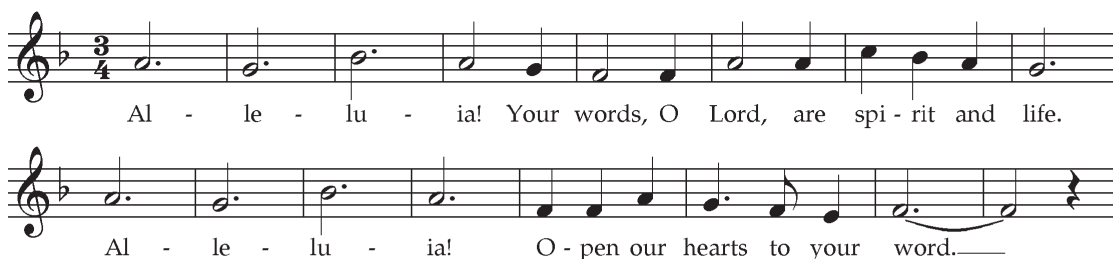
The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated in the text.



When God restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations, * "God has done great things for them."
 God has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed. *Antiphon*
 Restore our fortunes, O God, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *Antiphon*

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



The Gospel Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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 Rev. Adelyn Tyler-Williams

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*



We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al-migh-ty, by whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for-sa-ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
We be-lieve in God the Spi-rit; in one Church, be-low, a-bove:
earth and heav-en sprang to be-ing, all cre-at-ed things be-gan.
suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, he des-cend-ed to the dead.
saints of God in one com-mu-nion, one in ho-li-ness and love.
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-rior, Son of— God in hu-man frame,
We be-lieve in Je-sus ri-sen, hea-ven's— king to rule and reign,
So by— faith, our sins for-giv-en, Christ our— Sa-rior, Lord and friend,
vir-gin born, the child of Ma-ry up-on whom the Spi-rit came.
to the Fa-ther's side as-cend-ed till as judge he comes a-gain.
we shall rise with him in glo-ry to the life that knows no end.

— Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)

Prayers of the People

Please sit, stand, or kneel as we engage in a spiritual practice together.

Intercessor Our Prayers of the People are based on the Ignatian Examen and include silence and reflection. The silence after each petition gives space to consider our prayers to God.

Almighty God, we are in your presence. Your incarnate Son walked among us, and your Spirit abides with us this day. We give thanks for your love and grace. We abide in you.

We ask your grace, O God, to help us see where you are acting in our lives. Give us grace and wisdom in our daily life to see you in our communities, our nation, our world, and in all of creation.

Dear God, as we rest in your presence, we consider the week past. We remember moments that drew us near to you and moments when we felt distant from you. We feel the fullness of all you have gifted us.

We recall the needs of our community. We pray especially for . . . and for the needs we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

We give thanks for the beauty in our lives. We pray especially for . . . and for the thanksgivings we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

We remember all who have died and joined you in eternal life. We pray especially for . . . and for the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

In the presence of one another and of you, O God, we look to the days ahead. We commit ourselves to life with you, our Almighty God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We ask your forgiveness, loving God, for sins we have committed separating us from you and your creation, for sins in thought, word, and deed, for things done and left undone, and for the sins committed on our behalf. And we rejoice in the actions we have taken to draw near to you and your creation; guide us in the path of your will.

Presider Almighty God, receive our prayers and have mercy on us. God forgive you your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, grant you 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

Savior, like a shepherd lead us William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs ~ Dorothy Mora, flute

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us; love us still.

—Dorothy Ann Thrupp (1799–1847)

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*

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly— Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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 dis - ci - ples knew the Lord— Je - sus— in the break - ing— of the bread.

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.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing

The Healing Rite is offered in St. Aiden's Chapel during Communion at the 9 and 11:15 am liturgies on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Prayers for yourself or another are welcome. Enter the chapel through the door under the balcony to the right of the altar, or visit the station at the back of the nave.

Music

Opus 23

Dustin O'Halloran (b. 1971)

Hymn

Christ beside me

Bunessan

Christ— be - side me, Christ— be - fore me,
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ— be - side me, Christ— be - fore me,
Christ— be - hind me; King of my heart;
Christ all a - round me; shield in my strife;
Christ— be - hind me; King of my heart;
Christ— with - in me, Christ— be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
Christ— with - in me, Christ— be - low me,
Christ— a - bove me; nev - er to part.
Christ in my ris - ing; light of my life.
Christ— a - bove me; nev - er to part.

— Text: James Quinn (1919–2010)

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 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

Liturgical Note

Our worship this season is centered around spiritual practices. Sermons will feature spiritual practices that offer grounding and meaning. Prayers of the People are based on the Ignatian Examen, a practice commonly used among Jesuits (www.jesuits.org/spirituality/the-ignatian-examen). We will also have space for silence and contemplation. If this season sparks curiosity for you, learn about the spiritual practice available at St. Columba's including Centering Prayer and Labyrinth (www.columba.org/prayer).

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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