

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 25, 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



LET US
ALL GIVE
UNTIL
ALL RECEIVE

Please wear a mask and please sit in the designated seats.

Welcome

The Word of God

Prelude

Come, ye thankful

arr. R. Powell

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 288 Praise to God, immortal praise

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1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros - pey - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

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


A reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 433 We gather together

Kremser



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:
sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Joe Robinson

The Nicene 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 human. 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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Collects

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for all our ministries; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

We Gather Together

arr. W. Held

The Great Thanksgiving

(Please stand as you are able.)

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

God who moves in light and love and life:
From before time you have nurtured this creation
as a loving parent cares for a beloved child.
You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty,
provide for its every need.
In your good time you brought us forth from the world,
created in your image.
You made us stewards of this good earth
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.
Then, as now, you spoke your love
in many different languages, so that all might hear.
You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart
as a blessing to all people, and from them,
again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all,
the eternal Word, Jesus,
who would give his life for those he loved
in hopes of bringing them new life.

And, singing with the whole company of heaven,
we join those from every time and tongue and tribe
who proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus S-130 Holy, holy, holy Lord

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

11 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are fu - ll

21 full of your glo - ry Ho san - na in the high - est Ho san - na in the high -

32 est Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho san - na

42 in the high - est Ho san - na in the high - est.

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us,
healed, cured, and calmed,
and challenged the authorities of this world
to be faithful stewards of your people
and messengers of your love.

On the night, he was taken captive
by powers and principalities,
Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.
And so, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be,
for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who,
on the night before he died for us, took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
“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 a new Covenant, which is poured out for you and
for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

People

**We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we celebrate, O God,
this memorial of Christ our Savior.
With holy bread and cup,
we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and we proclaim
His resurrection, until He comes in glory.
Gather us by this Holy Communion,
and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ,
bless us also to become Christ's Body in the world.
Knit together in your love,
and so made one in your eternal purpose,
we offer and present to you, O God,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
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 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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

**For Communion Instructions, please see the last page of the bulletin.*

Communion: *Thanksgiving Medley* arr. T. Keesecker

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 290 Come, ye thankful people, come

St George's, Windsor



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and - shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels



come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Now Thank We All our God

arr. William Allen

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Joe Robinson
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Joe Robinson
<i>Music Director</i>	Joan Kirchner
<i>Readers/Intercessors</i>	Brenda and Brian Ridgeway
<i>Ushers</i>	Betty and Phil Suraci

The new directives from our Bishops regarding re-gathering assume some special care be taken for the distribution of the sacrament. Please join us in honoring these directives to keep each other safe and our church able to meet for worship.

At Communion:

After the Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction anthem, those present but not receiving and those attending by Zoom will be led by the celebrant in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, during which the choir will move from the dais to the altar for communion offered at two stations. As they finish, ushers will instruct members of the congregation when to approach the altar. Please go to the station on your side of the center aisle remaining masked, and allow the priest to place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand. Then, once returned to your seat, please remove your mask to receive the bread then replace it as we wait for others to receive communion. Once all have received, please stand as the celebrant instructs all to join in saying the Post-Communion prayer.

Thank you for being a part of today's service. It represents one more step toward normal gathering in our parish's life.

God's blessings,
Joe+ and Gail+

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Parish Mission Statement

**We proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
welcome all people, and serve one another with love.**