

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 AM



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Humbly, We Adore Thee

arr. Arthur Hutchings

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 506 Praise the Spirit in creation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The 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 Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Joel (2:23-32)

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. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

Psalm 65 (*Prayed responsively by half verse.*)

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
 to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
 because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
 but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
 they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
 by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
 they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
 the roaring of their waves,
 and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
 you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
 and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
 and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
 let them shout for joy and sing.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (4:6-8,16-18)

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 615 “Thy kingdom come!”

St. Flavian

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

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the reign of God in the world, now and always.

We pray for your church across the world, in all its forms. Shape us more and more in your image of generous and compassionate love. Continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. We give you thanks for those whose pledges to our parish make our common life and ministries possible here and beyond our campus. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham; St. John's Church, Holbrook; Emmanuel Church, Braintree; Grace Chapel, Brockton; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; and the Global Mission Partnerships Program.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. We hold before you the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest. We hold before you those facing deportation or living in exile. We give thanks for the peace settlement between Israel and Gaza and pray for its enduring.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

We grieve the harm of political impasse and the suffering it brings. We lift before you the workers and families facing lost income and employment and those who depend on public services for health, safety and justice. Grant wisdom and humility to leaders and guide them towards compromise for the common good.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Dick Anderson, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, the Campbell family, Sally Drew, Bill and Judy Gardiner, Debbie Henry, Joan Kirkby, Jean Nelson, Barbara & Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, John, Lauren, Linnea, Pat and those we name before you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. We name before you now, those we love and see no longer.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual, arr. Dawson

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Up on the mountain my Lord spoke; out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine; asked my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.

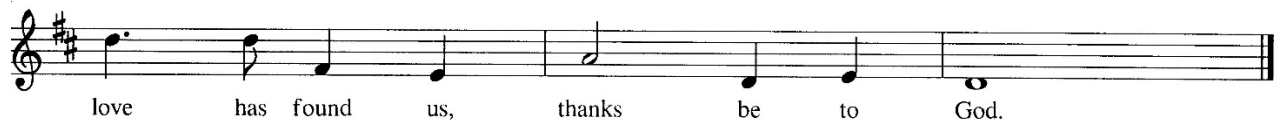
'There ain't but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Please stand as you are able.

The Offertory Hymn 424



Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation, as we sing:

Sanctus S 130

Schubert

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

¹ ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are fu - ll

¹ full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high -

² est Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na

² in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: *“Take, eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

As supper was ending, 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 poured out 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home as well as those receiving communion at this time at The Terraces (Orleans) thanks to our Eucharistic minister team.

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us 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. Waiting in hope, we know 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.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee

Adoro devote

Hymn WLP 819 (green paperback) Guide my feet Lord

arr. Carl Harris, Jr.

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

The Church in Ireland

Let us pray.

Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

A Prayer for Our Sacred Ground Dialog Circles

God of all humanity, you call us to bring about healing and wholeness for women and men of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from you. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and contempt rather than understanding and cooperation. Your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love. **Amen.**

The cross: **We will take it.**

The bread: **We will break it.**

The pain: **We will bear it.**

The joy: **We will share it.**

The gospel: **We will live it.**

The love: **We will give it.**

The light: **We will cherish it.**

The darkness: **God will perish it.**¹

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 636 How firm a foundation

Foundation

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Wilbur Held

¹ ¹ From *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Antiracism Training Manual* (The Episcopal Church, 2011) p. 48

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