

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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God + Neighbor

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The Word of God

The Prelude

“Largo” from the opera “Serse” G.F.Handel, arr. Rawsthorne

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

The Opening Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abby

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, 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

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (28:5-9)

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 (*prayed antiphonally by whole verse, alternating between East and West sides of the Nave.*)

EAST: Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

WEST: **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

**They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans (6:12-23)

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

The Sequence Hymn 318 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

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

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

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 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

We lift our petitions to Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For the people of all churches, that they build communities of love which flow from the community of God. We pray especially for Frank D. Ashburn Chapel/Brooks School, North Andover; St. Anne’s Church, North Billerica; All Saints’ Church, West Newbury; St. Mark’s Church, Westford; and the Episcopal City Mission.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this land upon which we live and move and have our being. For ponds and pools and rivers and oceans. For all who have lived here before us and all who will live here after us. Guide us more and more to remember, reverence and safeguard all you have made.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of justice and compassion for those in need. For those who are ill. For the victims of racism, crime, violence, deportation and wrongful conviction. That all may live in your freedom and that the saving truth of your gospel be shared without distortion or manipulation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples may live in solidarity. We raise up to you Russia and Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran and the nations of the Middle East; Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest. We pray for peace and a renewal of compassion in our own nation. For an end to gun violence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those in our community who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Joanne Gamble, Joan Kirkby, Andrew Payne, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Lauren, Pat and Rachel and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died, especially Meta Hutchings and Bonnie Snow, may share in your unending glory. We name before you those we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all that hinders our growth in your love and make us one through 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.

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Just a Closer Walk

trad. arr. John Wilson

Just a closer walk with thee; grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I am weak, but thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
When my feeble life is o'er time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, Kingdom's shore!
Just a closer walk with thee; grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, dear Lord, close to thee.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

The Offertory Hymn 686, Come thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

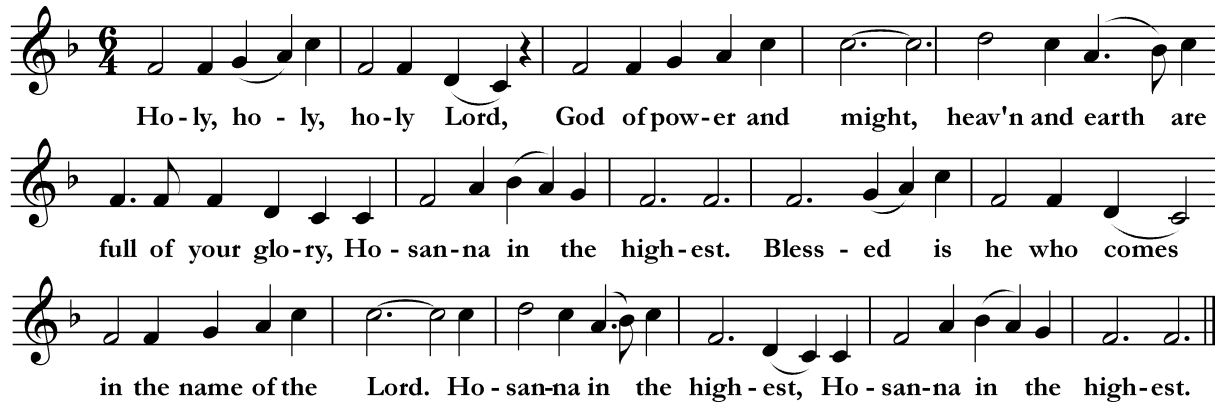
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Christ. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n 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, 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.

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.

He 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 he 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 many 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 his 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 forever. **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.

This is the Body of Christ

John Bell

This is the bo-dy of Christ— bro-ken that we may be whole;— this cup, as
pro-mised by God, true to his word, cra-dles our Lord: food for the
good of the soul.

The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose 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.

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

WLP (green hymnal) 776 No saint on earth lives life to self alone

Song 1

WLP (green hymnal) 782 Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Abbot's Leigh

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

From 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.

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.**

The Blessing

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.
Be kind to yourself and to one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High.
Be alert and receptive, for sometimes God is but a whisper.
And the blessing of God Almighty be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn WLP (green hymnal) 778 We all are one in mission

Nyland

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Celebrant

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Preacher

The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner

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