

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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

Holy, holy, holy

R. Arnatt

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

The Opening Hymn 51 We the Lord's people

Decater Place

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

People The Lord be with you.

Celebrant **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

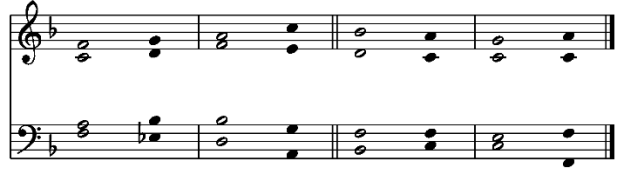
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:1-9)

O Lord you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my / **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in / **want**.
2 He makes me lie down in green / **pastures** *
and leads me beside still / **waters**.
3 He revives my / **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways for his / **Name's sake**.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / **evil**; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / **comfort me**.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / **trouble me**; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running / **over**.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / **ever**.



A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 515 Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness

Geneva

People

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

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

People

The Gospel of the Lord.
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 “hear our prayer.”

God of mercy and compassion, we pray for the people of all churches, that they live in the promise of your love from which we cannot be separated. In our own diocese we pray especially for Christ Church, Medway; St. Michael’s Church and Church of Our Saviour, Milton; St. John’s Church, Westwood; Trinity Church, Stoughton; and the Trustees of Donations. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Grant us a holy unity with all living things. Deepen in us reverence for the earth you have made and for the systems and resources which sustain us. Guide us more and more to preserve and protect. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Keep us hungry for your justice. Strengthen in us compassion for the victims of racism, crime, violence, deportation and wrongful conviction. Embolden those in public authority across the world to speak your truth and safeguard the dignity of all. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Make us instruments of your peace. 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 collaboration and compassion in our own nation. For an end to gun violence. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Heal the sick and mend what is broken in our own lives and in the lives of those who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Joanne Gamble, Mary McGary, Andrew Payne, Pam Soderholm, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Henry Winston, Davis Wortman, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Dilys, Jen, Joan, Kim, Kristy, Lauren, Linnea, Parker, Pat and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Hold fast to those who have died, that they may live forever in your changeless light and love. We name before you those we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them. God of love,
hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collects

O Gracious and Loving Creator, you shaped our wide world round. You placed us in relation to all creation – the wind, the woods and waters were all shaped by your hands. Today we acknowledge and remember those people who cared for this land – particularly the Nauset and the Wampanoag. Although their lands and children were taken and some of their many traditions and lives are gone, their spirits bless and teach us still, and their scattered descendants have gifts to share. May we be people who listen to their teaching today. **Amen.**

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all the 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

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Lord is my Shepherd

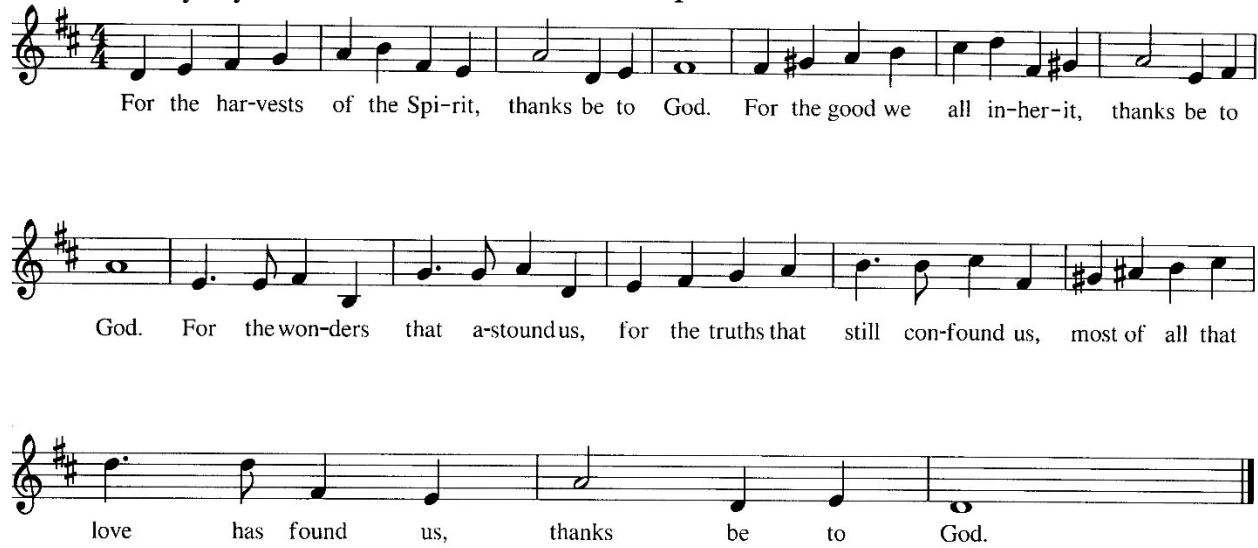
Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

The Offertory Hymn 424 For the harvest of the Spirit

East Acklam



For the har-vests of the Spi-rit, thanks be to God. For the good we all in-her-it, thanks be to

God. For the won-ders that a-stound us, for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that

love has found us, thanks be to God.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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.

In fulfillment of Christ's promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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:

Sanctus WLP 859 Holy, holy, holy Lord (green hymnal)

Ronald Arnatt

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 **Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

Hymn 649 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Dickinson College

Hymn 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Enriching Our Worship

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (vs 1-4, 7)

Marion

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Palace Beautiful

Richard Shephard

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<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner
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