The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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 ***This Little Light*** arr. C. Callahan

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

The Opening Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

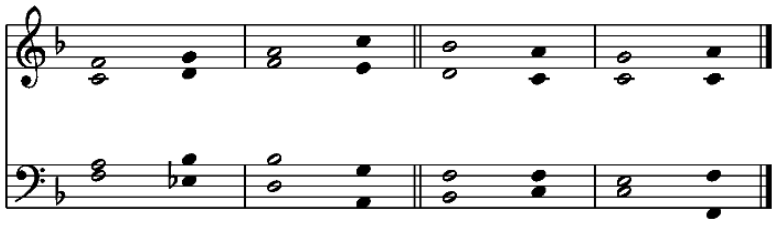
Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the Prophet Amos (5:18-24)

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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



Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to de**/liver me; ***
Lord, make haste to **/ help me.**
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dis**/mayed; ***
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be dis**/graced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **/ back, ***
because they are a**/shamed.**
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be **/ glad in you; ***
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the **/ Lord!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and **/ needy; ***
come to me speedily, O **/ God.**
6 You are my helper and my de**/liverer; ***
O Lord, do not **/ tarry.**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 68 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers *Llangloffan*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 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 we may share the gospel and ourselves in serving and renewing. In our own diocese we pray especially for Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, the Attleboros; St. Mark's Church, Foxborough; St. John's Church, Franklin; The Diocesan Convention and the Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us a holy unity with all living things, for all belong to you. 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. We ask your blessing on all who sought office in this past week's elections and your blessing on those who will assume public office in the new year. Embolden those in authority across the world to speak your truth and safeguard the dignity of all. Release us from anxiety, sanctimony, despair and indifference. 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, Dilys, Jen, Joan, Kim, Kristy, Lauren, Linnea, Parker, Pat and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) Comfort all who suffer. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

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

The Concluding Collect

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

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

The Greeting and Announcements

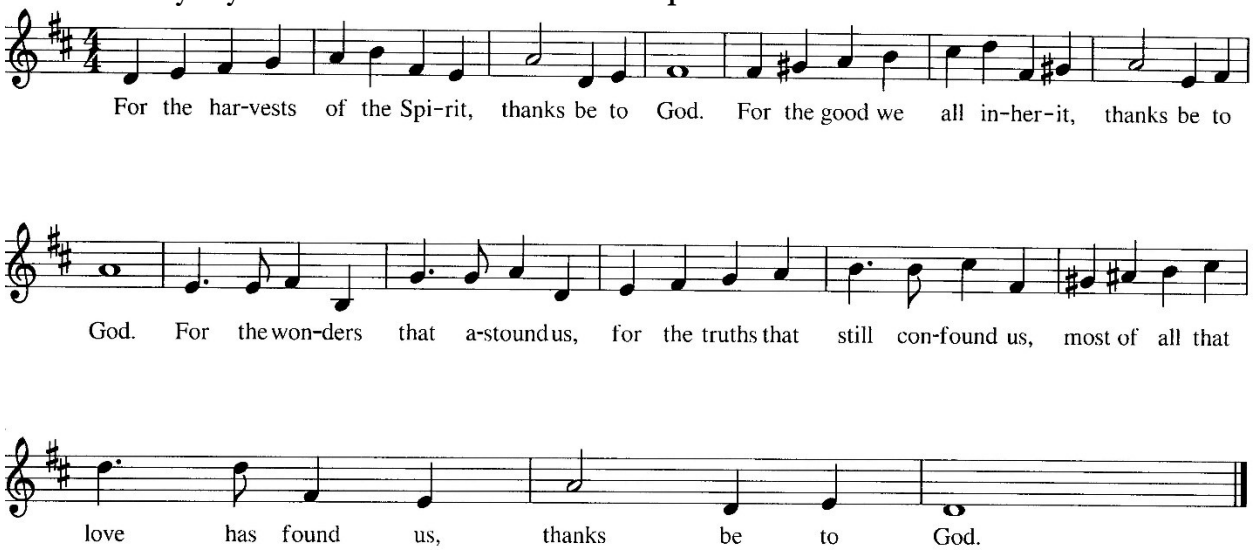
The Holy Communion

The Offertory ***Keep your Lamps*** arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh!
Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh!
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh!

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

The Offertory Hymn 424 For the harvest of the Spirit *East Acklam*



Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

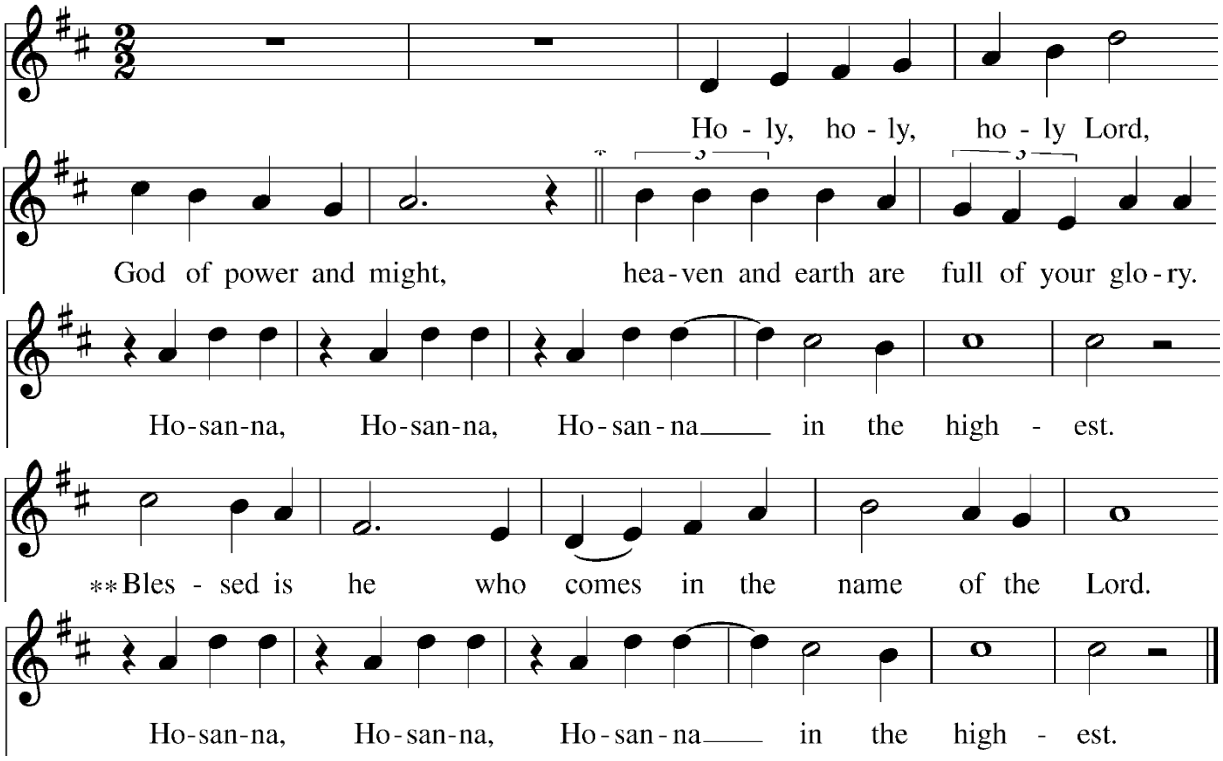
Eucharistic Prayer B

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 Ronald Arnatt



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.

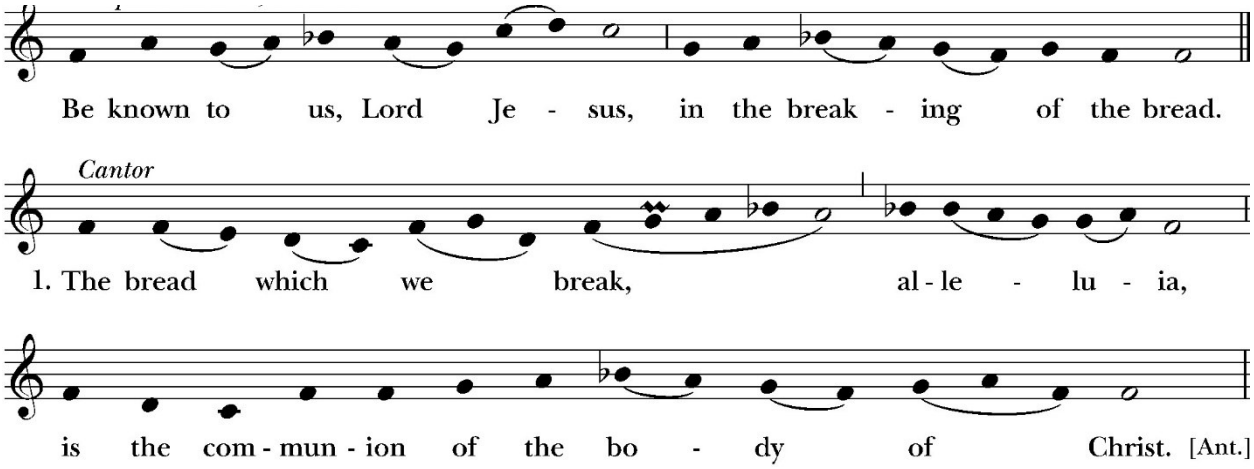
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

S 171 Be known to us adapt. Mason Martens



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 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Hymn 488 Be thou my vision *Slane*

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

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 God, creating, redeeming and sustaining, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn **LEVAS 14 Soon and very soon** Andrae Crouch

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude ***Fanfare*** Franklin Ashdown

Celebrant	The Rev. Nancy J. Hagner
Preacher	The Rev. Patrick C. Ward
Music Director	Joan Kirchner
Eucharistic Ministers	Meg Nemitz, Kate Paradise
Readers	Chris Crighton, Diana Crighton, Brenda Ridgeway
Ushers	Michael Isner, Brian Skea
Altar Guild	Brenda Husson
Altar Flower Guild	Nancy Miller
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