



## Holy Eucharist

5p

Ordinary Time, Proper 29

Sunday, November 22, 2020

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.*

## Liturgy of the Word

*Come and worship the Lord*

*The Cantor will sing the hymn*

Refrain

Come, and wor-ship the Lord, for we are his peo - ple, the  
flock that he shep-herds. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## Opening Responses

*Standing*

We gather in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us.

We gather in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,  
who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning.

***We gather before the Trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us:  
The Beginning, the End, the Everlasting One.***

## Prayer of Invocation

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for day is ending.  
With friend, with stranger,  
with young and with old,  
be among us tonight.  
Come close to us that we may come close to you.

Forgive us that we may forgive one another.  
Renew us so that, where we have failed,  
we may begin again. **Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*Seated*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

### Psalm

**100**

- 1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve you with gladness  
and come before your presence with a song.
- 2 **For we know that you are God; \***  
**you yourself have made us, and we are yours;**  
**we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.**
- 3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,  
go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
- 4 **For you are good;**  
**your mercy is everlasting, \***  
**and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*The Saint Helena Psalter Translation*

### Second Reading

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 25:31-46**

*Standing*

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Priest           The Gospel of our Savior.  
People           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

**The Rev. Benjamin Hart**

### Prayer of Confession *Standing*

**Holy God, maker of the skies above, Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, You are there.**

**O hidden mystery, Sun behind all suns, Soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, Your presence is round us, and we give you thanks.**

**But when we have not touched, but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

### A Sign of the Peace

Presider       The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People       **And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

## Announcements and Celebrations

*Please be seated*

## Stewardship Message

**Sara Ceresa**

## Birthday Collect

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

### Offertory

*Put your trust in God*

*The Cantor will sing the hymn*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in French and English.

Fi - ez - vous en Lui, ne craig-nez pas. La paix de Dieu gar - de -  
*Put your trust in God, and do not fear. God's peace will dwell deep with-*

ra vos cœurs. Fi - ez - vous en Lui. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
*in your hearts. Put your trust in God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*Text and Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982*

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### Words of Invitation

At the Last Supper Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited the disciples to share his journey. Like many grains of wheat becoming one loaf of bread, the disciples were invited to become one body with him.

Here tonight, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples.

Here, through bread and wine, we renew our unity with one another, and with all those who have gone before us in this place.

Through bread and wine, we renew our communion with the earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.

So come, taste of this bread and wine, gifts of the earth, work of human hands, food both of earth and of heaven.

### The Story of the Last Supper

Among friends, gathered round a table Jesus took bread and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying 'This is my body which is given for you.' In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying 'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God.'

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us. And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God's goodness.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth.  
Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as sons and daughters.

And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us, we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness.

## **The Blessing of the Bread and Wine**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breath your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*The following prayer can be used to introduce a brief time of free prayer or silence; or a more informal invitation to offer prayer, or to call out names of people and places, can be given. The prayers of concern are concluded with the Lord's Prayer, which the people may be invited to say in their own traditions or languages.*

*Intercessor:*

You are above us, O God,  
You are beneath.  
You are in air, you are in earth,  
You are beside us, you are within.  
O God, you are in the betrayed and suffering people of our world  
Just as you were in the broken body of Jesus.  
We pray now for all that concerns us as we sit at table together.  
Let us offer our own prayers  
Both spoken and unspoken.

*The Presider begins the Lord's Prayer, and everyone prays together.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Let us pray.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*Lead Us to Act Justly*

*The Cantor will sing the hymn*



Lead us to act just - ly. Lead us to love ten - der - ly.



Lead us to walk hum - bly. Lord, hear our prayer.

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*Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.*

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Closing Responses**

On our hearts and on our houses, **The blessing of God.**

In our coming and our going, **The peace of God.**

In our life and our believing, **The love of God.**

At our end and new beginning, **The arms of God to welcome us and bring us home. Amen.**

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