



# CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023

### 10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II

#### The Word of God

#### Prelude

**Hymn 525** *The Church's one foundation (omit stanza 3)*

*Aurelia*

*1 The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.*

*5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

**Opening Acclamation**      *standing*

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

**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**

**Hymn 366** *Holy God, we praise thy Name*

*Grosser Gott*

- 1. Holy God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10**      *sitting*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 124** *Nisi quia Dominus*

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**let Israel now say;**

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
**in their fierce anger toward us;**

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
**and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
**have gone right over us.**

6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Second Reading Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so

we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 707** *Take my life, and let it be consecrated*  
*Hollingside*

*1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

**Gospel Matthew 16:13-20** *standing*

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Mary Brennan Thorpe

## 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## Prayers of the People Form II *standing or kneeling*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Susan Haynes; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray especially for the Curry, Donnelly, and Elder families. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We especially pray for **Patsy Adams, Guy Becker, Lucas Crutchfield, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Michael Denzin, Sidney Fowler, Texie Fowler, Nick Goodrich, Sam Grossman, James Hosek, Elizabeth J., Dianne McAllister, Bill Miller, Madison Miller, Brett Milstead, Mark Pagano, Leslie Peters, Bill Rawlings, Shelley Richardson, Bill Satagaj, Bill Southall, Bud Syme and Harry Ware.** *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Eric Schwartz in whose memory the altar flowers have been given by Melanie Smith.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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** *standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Greeting and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

**At the Presentation Hymn 380** (St. 3)      *standing*      *Old 100th*  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;*  
*praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship**      *standing*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

### **Hymn S 125**    *Sanctus*

Richard Proulx

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*  
*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn 304** *I come with joy*

*Land of Rest*

*1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.*

*2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.*

*3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.*

*4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.*

*5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing*

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 who are forgiven, healed and renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 523** *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

*Abbot's Leigh*

*1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.*

*3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.*

*4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Lay Readers: Samantha Ellis, Sean Little

Audio/Visual: Bee Betts

Ushers: Kathy & Rick Talmage

Vestry: Louis Malon

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