THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Sunday, November 8, 2026

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Processional Hymn 574: "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.

3 For sins of heedless word and deed, for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame;
a newborn people may we rise, more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter, alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise H 421: "All glory be to God"

1 All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory
thanks and praise, O God, Almighty Father.

2 O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us;
and, as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgment
there must stand, have mercy, Lord, upon us.

3 You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.
You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit,
you alone share in the Father's glory.

Words: Nikolaus Decius; tr. F. Bland Tucker, rev.; para. of Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day (BCP 236, 357)

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons (BCP 357)

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua. (24:1-3a, 14-25)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 78:1-7



1 Hear my teaching, my people;
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings since the beginning of the world,

3 which we have heard and known,
and our ancestors have told us,
4 We will not hide them from their descendants,
telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord our
God's strength and wondrous works. **Response**

5 For the Lord established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a teaching in Israel,
commanding our ancestors that they should make them known to their children;
6 that the generations to come might know it, the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell their children,
7 that they might put set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God, but keep the Lord's commandments. **Response**

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 53: "Once he came in blessing" (v 1, 2)

1 Once he came in blessing, All our ills redressing;
came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us.

2 Still he comes within us, still his voice would win us
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us:

not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (25:1-13)

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

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 53: "Once he came in blessing" (v 3, 4)

3 Thus if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him,
but wilt trust him boldly, nor dost love him coldly,
he will then receive thee, heal thee, and forgive thee.

4 One who thus endureth bright reward secureth.
Come then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us;
let us here confess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Sermon ..... The Rev. Dr. Mark W. Frazier

The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

All: **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 I (BCP 383)

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

Confession of Sin (BCP 360)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace (BCP 360)

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 3)

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.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus WLP 858





Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for

pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (BCP 364)

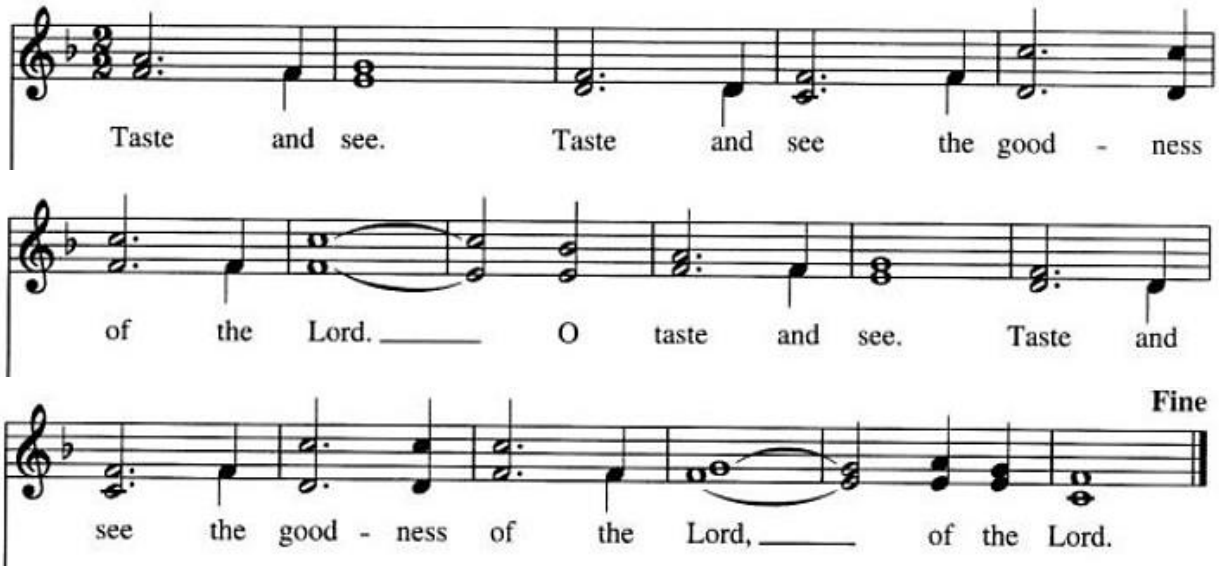
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem WLP 764



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

All: **My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sending Hymn 436: "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel; tr. Catherine Winkworth

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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