



# The Holy Eucharist The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023

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## CHORAL PRELUDE

*When the poor one who has nothing*

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## HYMN 620

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

Land of Rest

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you our 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.**

## GLORIA S 280

*Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 236, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

## A READING FROM THE PROPHET AMOS

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.

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 70, Deus, in adiutorium*

BCP page 682, S#415



1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver /me; \*  
O 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 PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS**

1 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.

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

**HYMN 68**

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

Llangloffan

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:1-13

*Before the Gospel*

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

*After the Gospel*

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON**  
*A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

Page 304, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People*        I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                  creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People*        I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
                  He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
                  and born of the Virgin Mary.  
                  He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                  was crucified, died, and was buried.  
                  He descended to the dead.  
                  On the third day he rose again.  
                  He ascended into heaven,  
                  and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
                  He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant*    Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People*        I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                  the holy catholic Church,  
                  the communion of saints,  
                  the forgiveness of sins,  
                  the resurrection of the body,  
                  and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant*    Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread,  
                  and in the prayers?  
*People*        I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*    Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return  
                  to the Lord?  
*People*        I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*    Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
                  News of God in Christ?  
*People*        I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*    Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People*        I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*    Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every  
                  human being?  
*People*        I will, with God's help.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV**

Book of Common Prayer p. 388

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for churches around the world, especially

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola, St. Catherine of Sienna in Missouri City, St. John's in Palacios, St. Mark's in Bay City, and St. Mark's in Richmond.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Rooted in abundance, we offer you every facet of our lives: our time, talent and treasure, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the students, teachers and staff of Prairie Village Elementary, Trinity Prep, Dove Elementary, and Texas Christian University.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; [especially those we now name](#); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially N.) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERTORY**

*Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).*



**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

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*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.**  
*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS HYMN S 129***Holy, Holy, Holy*

Powell

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM S 154** *Christ Our Passover* Hurd

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN 324** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Picardy

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *People Need the Lord* Nelson / McHugh

## **SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*This week's visitor is Cathy Tolliver.*

*Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,*

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.

*The People respond,*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.*

**THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** Page 365 Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant and People together standing*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 436** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* Truro

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** *National Emblem* Bagley

## Stewardship Meditation

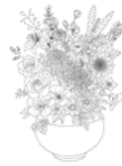
For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

1 Timothy 6:7-8



### *Altar Flower Dedications*

The flowers on the altar have been dedicated this week by Christine Gehringer in thanksgiving for her daughter, Jennifer Moody-Thompson, as she celebrates her 47th birthday.



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