

Worshiping Jesus Christ, Living in His Truth, & Blessing others in His Name.

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 9, 2025 Holy Eucharist - 9:30 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People"

Hymnal 290

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; / all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. / God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; / come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
- 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; / wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown. / First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; / Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home; / from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, / give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; / but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home; / gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, / there, forever purified, in your presence to abide. / Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer p. 123 / Worship Guide p. A

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

WELCOME

Fr John Roberts, Rector

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40^T

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and people pray
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE TRISAGION

or this
Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

People

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit.**

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 FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

New International Version

¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

- ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."
- ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.
- ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.
- ¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16:6-12

The New Coverdale Psalter - BCP 2019

- ⁶ The Lord himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; * you shall maintain my lot.
- ⁷ The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁸ I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel; *
 my heart also chastens me in the night season.
- ⁹ I have set the Lord always before me; *

he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

¹⁰ Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. *

My flesh also shall rest in hope.

- ¹¹ For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, * neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
- ¹² You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, * and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

New International Version

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: "Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones"

Tune: Duke Street ("Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun")

- 1. Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye; / See Adam's race in ruin lie; / Sin spreads its trophies o'er the ground, / And scatters slaughtered heaps around.
- 2. And can these mould'ring corpses live? / And can these perish'd bones revive? / That, mighty God, to you is known; / That wondrous work is all your own.
- 3. But if your spirit deigns to breathe, / Life spreads thru' all the realms of death: / Dry bones obey your powerful voice; / They move, they waken, they rejoice,

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

New International Version

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- ²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"
- ³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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],† 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.

SERMON

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SERMON SUPPLEMENT

All Scriptures NIV

Luke 23:43

Jesus answered (the thief), "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

John 5:25-29

(Jesus said,) ²⁴ "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned."

Matthew 16:26-27

(Jesus said,) "²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done."

John 14:2-3

(Jesus said,) ² "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, <u>I will come back</u> and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Matthew 24:42,44

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come... ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Philippians 3:20-21

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

2 Peter 3:10,13

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.* ... ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

*It is likely that verse 10 is much more accurately translated as "All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree."

Revelation 21:1-4, 22-26

¹ Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' [b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ...

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

RESPONSE HYMN: "And Must This Body Die?"

Tune: Trentham ("Breathe On Me, Breath of God")

- 1. And must this body die, / This mortal frame decay? / And must these active limbs of mine / Lie mouldering in the clay?
- 2. God, my Redeemer lives, / And ever from the skies / Looks down and watches all my dust, / Till He shall bid it rise.
- 3. Arrayed in glorious grace / Shall these vile bodies shine, / And every shape, and every face, / Look heavenly and divine.
- 4. These lively hopes we owe / To Jesus' dying love: / We would adore His grace below / And sing His power above.
- 5. Dear Lord, accept the praise / Of these our humble songs, / Till tunes of nobler sound we raise / With our immortal tongues.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying, "hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

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

For N., our Archbishop, and N., our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

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

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially _____]

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially

____].

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

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially ______,] in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

[Anglican cycle of prayer]

Additional petitions may be added, and thanksgivings may be invited, at this time either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16^T

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet those gathered in the name of the Lord.

A BIBLICAL MOMENT ON ESCHEWING Left Behind's "RAPTURE" THEOLOGY

Adapted from N.T. Wright's article "Farewell to the Rapture" and the scholarship of Craig Keener

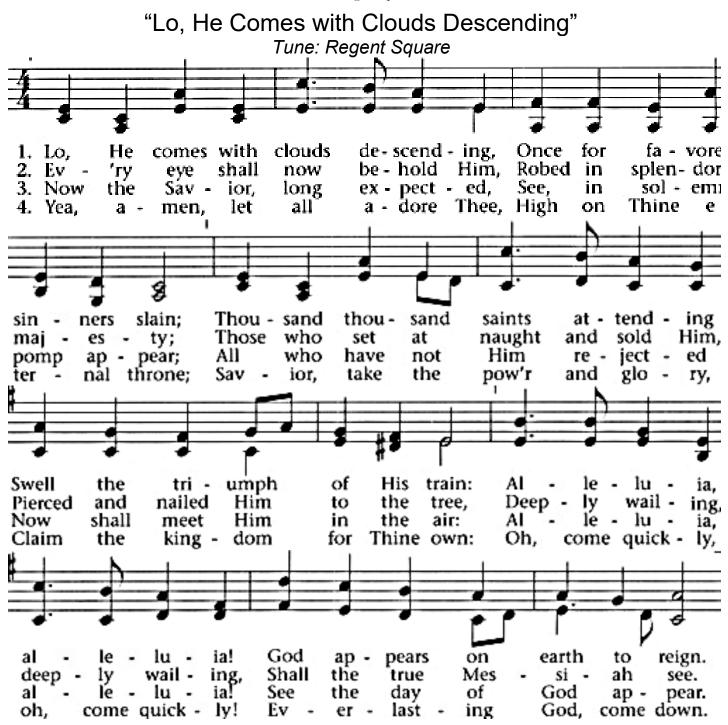
13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

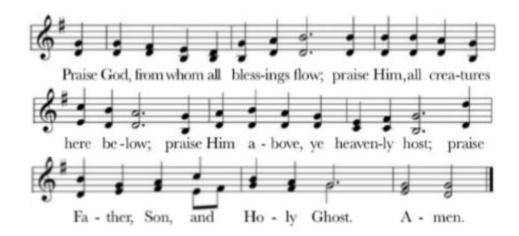
-1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Some Christian traditions believe there will be a future "rapture" that will occur years in advance of Jesus' return in which believers will be snatched up to heaven, leaving empty cars crashing on freeways and kids coming home from school only to find that their parents have been taken to be with Jesus while they have been left behind. This idea stems from a theology called Dispensationalism, which emerged in the 1830s, and upon which the 1995-2007 "Left Behind" book series is based. The notion of this rapture is based largely upon a misunderstanding of the book of Revelation and the 1 Thessalonians passage above, where St. Paul writes of believers being "caught up" "in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" and "be with the Lord forever." Rightly understood, this is describing how Jesus will return just as He had left at His ascension (Acts 1:9), in a cloud, and believers will meet Him in a manor akin to citizens meeting a king visiting their province by going out to meet him in the open country and then escorting him into the city. Thus, Paul's image of the people "meeting the Lord in the air" should be read with the assumption that the people will not then ascend further into heaven with the Lord, but rather immediately turn around and lead the Lord back to the newly remade world.

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" *Tune: Regent Square*





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The Celebrant continues

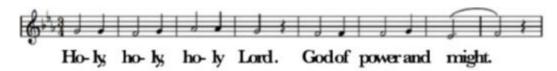
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said

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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People will sing





THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here* may break the bread; 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 that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

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
forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

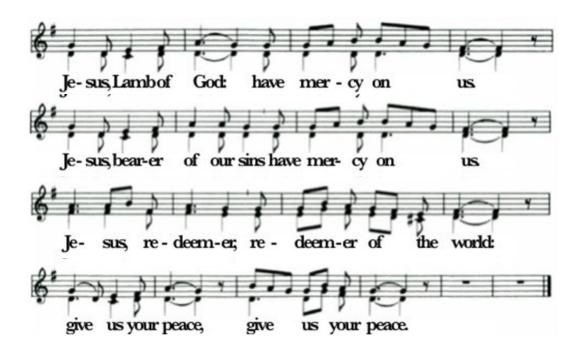
Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here



Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

JOHN 1:29^T, REVELATION 19:9

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds...

Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

All persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are repentant of their sins, and are living in charity with their neighbor are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. We welcome all others to come to the altar and receive of prayer of blessing. Please signify you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest at the rail.

COMMUNION HYMN: "I Am The Bread Of Life"

Hymn 335 - Hymnal Recommended

1. I am the Bread of life / They who come to Me shall not hunger / They who believe in Me shall not thirst / No one can come to Me / Unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up / And I will raise them up / And I will raise them up on the last day.

- 2. The bread that I will give / Is My flesh for the life of the world / And they who eat of this bread / They shall live for ever / They shall live for ever. [Refrain]
- 3. Unless- you eat / Of the flesh of the Son of Man / And drink of His blood / You shall not have life within you / You shall not have life within you. [Refrain]

- 4. I am the Resurrection / I-- am the Life / They who beli-eve in Me / Even if they die / They shall live forever. [Refrain]
- 5. Yes, Lord-, we believe / That You- are the Christ / The Son-- of God / Who-- has come / Into-the world. [Refrain]

"It Is Well With My Soul"

- 1. When peace like a river / Atte-ndeth my way / When sorrows like sea billows roll / Whatever my lot / Thou hast taught me to say: It is well / It is well with my soul
- 2. Tho' Satan should buffet / Tho' tri-als should come / Let this blest assurance control / That Christ hath regarded / My helpless estate / And hath shed his own blood / For my soul

Refrain: It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul

- 3. My sin O the bliss / Of this glo-rious tho't / My sin not in part but the whole / Is nailed to the cross / And I bear it no more / Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul Refrain
- 4. And Lord haste the day / When my fai-th shall be sight / The clouds be rolled back as a scroll / The trump shall resound / And the Lord shall descend / Even so, it is well with my soul Refrain

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" *Tune: Hyfrydol*

- 1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: / "Christ is nigh!" it seems to say, / "Cast away the dreams of darkness, / O ye children of the day!" / Wakened by the solemn warning, / Let the Earth-bound soul arise; / Christ, the Sun, all ill dispelling, / Shines upon the morning skies.
- 2. Lo! the Lamb, so long-expected, / Comes with pardon down from Heav'n; / Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, / One and all to be forgiv'n. / So when next he comes with glory / And the world is wrapped in fear, / With his mercy he may shield us, / And with words of love draw near.

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight" Tune: Horsley ("There is a Green Hill")

- 1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; / no gracious words we hear / from one who spoke as none e'er spoke, / but we believe him near.
- 2. We may not touch his hands and side, / nor follow where he trod, / yet in his promise we rejoice, / and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, / and may our faith abound / to call on you when you are near, / and seek where you are found:
- 4. that when our life of faith is done, / in realms of clearer light / we may behold you as you are / in full and endless sight.
- 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; / no gracious words we hear / from one who spoke as none e'er spoke, / but we believe him near."

"I Will Change Your Name"

I will change your name / You shall no longer be called / Wounded outcast lonely or afraid

I will change your name / Your new name shall be / Confidence joyfulness overcoming one / Faithfulness friend of God / One who seeks My face

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BCP 677

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together say the following, or the Post Communion prayer in the Anglican Standard Text

Heavenly Father,
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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING BCP 137

The Priest gives the following blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saint Matthias News

We invite you to join us after worship today for **Fellowship Hour** in the Parish Hall. Fr Jim & Pam Stout will also be available in the chancel after today's service for intercessory & healing prayer.

Women of the Parish: the opportunity **submit a name** for that 2025 **Woman-of-the-Year** has begun. Between now and November 30th, you can submit a name at the narthex table or at www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/hw or the QR code.



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On Sunday, **December 14**, Bishop Eric will be making his annual pastoral visit to St Matthias and parishioners will have the opportunity to be **Confirmed** by Bishop Eric (or **Received** if they have already been confirmed in another Church). If you are interested in being Confirmed or would just like some more information about it, please fill out the interest form at www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/interest or the QR Code in the next few weeks.



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On Monday (11/3), **Archbishop Stephen Wood took a voluntary leave of absence** pending the resolution of proceedings to address recent allegations brought against him. Visit the QR Code for more information.



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At St Matthias we affirm, with our Bishop & Diocese, our commitment to cultivating an environment of love & safety where there are safeguards against harm. In support of this goal, our Diocese joined with other ACNA dioceses to form ACNAWest in the establishment of a Misconduct Reporting Office, which is intended to encourage and enable individuals to report Concerns for prompt internal inquiry and appropriate action. Misconduct can take many forms including but not limited to: (a) questionable or improper accounting or auditing practices, (b) suspected unlawful conduct, (c) violations or suspected violations of Church or Diocesan policies or Canons (d) any observed or suspected verbal or emotional abuse, and (e) any suspected sexual misconduct (collectively referred to as "Concerns" from this point forward). Should you ever need to report a concern, this can be submitted to the Misconduct Reporting Office in one of three ways:

- 1) Call the Misconduct Reporting Office at 817-988-1941
- Email the Misconduct Reporting Office at concerns@acnawest.org
- 3) Complete the Report a Concern Form at the ACNAWest website, accessible through www.saintmatthiasoakdale.com/misconduct and the Intake Office will contact you.

This Week at Saint Matthias

Today - Fellowship Hour - after worship

Monday - Kairos Group - 3:00pm

Tuesday - Kairos Group - 7:00pm

Wednesday - Life Group - 10:00am

Thursday - Life Group - 10:00am

...AND BEYOND

Saturday, Dec. 6 - Oakdale Christmas Parade - Kids with Adults

Saturday, Dec. 13 - Candidates meet with Bp Eric - time TBD

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Bp Eric's visit (changed from 12/7)

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass w/ Kids' Chapel - 5pm

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Hymn of Promise"

Tune: Ode To Joy

- 1. In the bulb there is a flower; / in the seed, an apple tree; / in cocoons, a hidden promise: / butterflies will soon be free! / In the cold and snow of winter / there's a spring that waits to be, / unrevealed until its season, / something God alone can see.
- 2. There's a song in ev'ry silence, / seeking word and melody. / There's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, / bringing hope to you and me. / From the past will come the future; / what it holds, a mystery, / unrevealed until its season, / something God alone can see.
- 3. In our end is our beginning; / in our time, infinity; / in our doubt there is believing; / in our life, eternity. / In our death, a resurrection; / at the last, a victory, / unrevealed until its season, / something God alone can see.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words, omitting Alleluia during Lent and on other penitential occasions.

Deacon
People
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Musical Settings are modified from the 1982 Hymnal. The Gloria in Excelsis (S-280) by Robert Powell, the Doxology (380, v.3) by Isaac Watts, the Sursum Corda (S-120) by James McGregor, the Sanctus (S-130) and the Agnus Dei (S-164) by Franz Peter Schubert.

"Renewed Ancient Text"

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