



## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

### A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

If you're new here, there's more information for you on the back of this service bulletin.

Please join us in All Saints Hall for Coffee Hour following this service.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE MUSIC:** Swing Low from *Diptych for Organ*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

**PROCESSION HYMN 410:** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

**ACCLAMATION** *Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

**GLORIA: Hymnal S202** (*Found in the front section of the blue book*)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Sung by the congregation.*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Congregation is seated.*

## THE FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 145:1-8 BCP page 766

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**THE SECOND READING:** Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN 541:** Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16 *Standing as able.*

*Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When

evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

**THE NICENE CREED** *BCP 358 Standing as able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to God, who has called us to serve him in our work and our worship.

Almighty God, give to your faithful people grace to live for the good of this world, knowing that our true life is yet to come. May our lives be worthy of the name of Christ which we confess. Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Michael, our presiding Bishop, Cathleen, our Bishop, clergy, and laity as we serve our church communities, in this and other nations. We pray especially for St. Michael and All Angels Church, Mission; and St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, Florida — that our common life together in Christ may be one of joy and gladness.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.** .

Bless in your service the daily efforts of our community to serve those on the outside edge of plenty. Have mercy on the unemployed and grant them the dignity of work that they desire. Be present to those who are facing cares and concerns known only to you, and hold them in the palm of your mighty hand.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those in need of prayer today, we lift to you Judy, Debbie, Arceile, Bob Sommers, Danny, Colleen, Eva, Jan, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gracious God, may your perpetual light shine on those who have gone before us. We remember today, Tom Lewis; and in our list of permanent flower memorials, we remember Ira Burkholder, Mary Grooms, Marguerite Harrington, Lillian Davis, Anne Page, Joel Burrow, Bessie Palmer and Carmen Dougherty; may we also come to join them and you in your eternal kingdom.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP 360 (Red Book)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Congregation is seated.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** Share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus; and stand firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** Steal Away arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)  
*The Cathedral Choir, Alana Seddon, clarinet*

Steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361 *Standing as able.*

The Sanctus (S114)

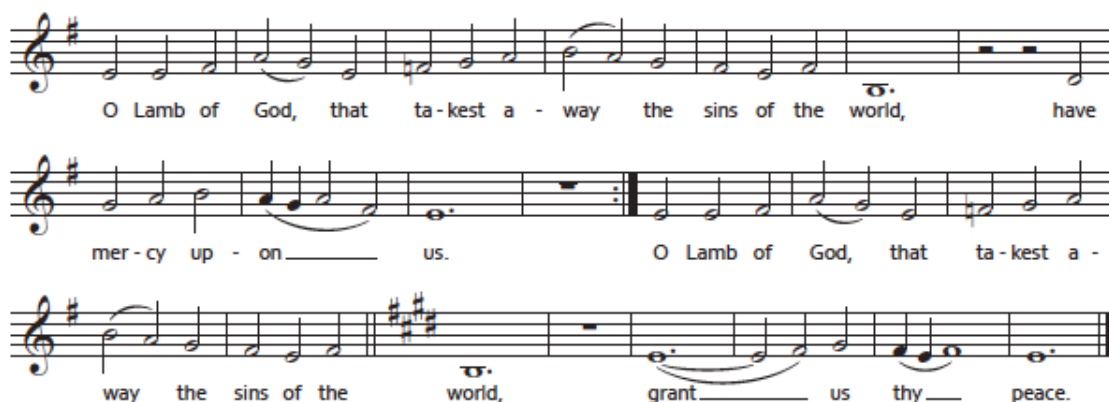
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 3614

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Agnus dei (S158)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



*Communion is available at the altar rail (bread / intinction / drinking from cup) or at the crossing (bread or intinction only). To receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake.*

*After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM: Bist du bei mir, BWV 508

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Zack Devin, tenor*

If you are with me, then I will go gladly unto my rest.

Ah, how pleasing is my end, if your dear hands then shut my faithful eyes!

*Please stand as you are able.*

### POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 337: And Now, O Father

UNDE ET MEMORES

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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

### PROCESSION HYMN 551: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

FESTAL SONG

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Fantasie from Hommage á Frescobaldi

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

## MINISTERS TODAY

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

**Deacon:** The Reverend Carl Edwards

**Vergers:** Elizabeth Massey, George Webb

**Acolytes:** Team 2, Paul Seddon, *Capt.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynne Horne,  
Michael Massey, Linda Park

**Lector:** Betsy McGuire

**Altar Guild:** Group D, Tami Smith, *Capt.*

**Ushers:** Team 3, Mark Quintana, *Capt.*

**Organist:** Dr. Donald Livingston

**Choirmaster:** Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

**Associate Choirmaster:** Zachary Cope

**Sound/Lights:** Adrian Horne

**Livestream:** LeRoy Dagg

## CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special guest today:** Ann Palmer, the photographer of the lovely art on display in the Cloister Gallery, will be present after this service to answer any questions you may have about the photographs. Ann shares interesting insights and stories about her art. Please stop by for a closer look!

**World Communion Sunday:** On **October 1**, we will gather at Every Plaza in downtown Topeka for the second annual celebration of World Communion Sunday starting at 10:30. In many churches across the globe, the first Sunday in October marks efforts by Christians to unify across differences of denomination. We join our Episcopal tradition that day with First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Topeka First United Methodist, and St. John AME Church. It should be a great time.

Can't make it? There will be a spoken service of Holy Eucharist at 8:30 on October 1 at the Cathedral.

**Blessing of the Animals Festival**, Sunday October 1, 2 p.m., at Bethany House & Garden (just to the south of All Saints Hall.)

**Daughters of the King**, Grace Chapter, will meet for their yearly retreat at 9:30, Saturday, October 7, at the home of Jan Buckley. The Director of Lifehouse will be the guest speaker.

Daughters of the King is an Order for women of the Episcopal Church and those in communion with the Episcopal church. For more information please contact Jackie Sommers at [jdrsommers@gmail.com](mailto:jdrsommers@gmail.com).

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In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book                      Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

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***Special Note:*** Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

## Christian Education

- **Ages 4 years—5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Club Jesus meets upstairs in Sloan Hall every Sunday during the 10:30 service, with the children joining their families during the Peace. Come join the fun!
- **Youth Group—Middle & High School:** Middle and high school students will continue to meet in the Youth Room in Sloan Hall, Sundays, 5-7 p.m.
- **Adult Forum :** A new semester of Adult Forum classes has begun, focusing on the life of St. Paul using a film by David Suchet. For those who want to go deeper into the subject, a ten-week series on Paul will take place on Sunday mornings in the Bubb Room starting October 8. The text will be N.T. Wright's *What St. Paul Really Said*.

The Adult Forum is held each Sunday morning at 9:30 in All Saints Hall. A variety of subjects are covered throughout the semester. Please join us!

**New items needed for Sharing Table:** The Sharing Table is in need of can openers, gently used belts, razors, large tube toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, shampoo, deodorant, and socks. Please place donations in the collection bin located in the back hallway between the restrooms. The next distribution date is Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. Thank you!

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