



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 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: Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552/1

J.S. Bach (1685—1750)

PROCESSION HYMN 598: Lord Christ, when First Thou Cam'st to Earth

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

ACCLAMATION *Celebrant*
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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 S266 Dignus es (*Found in the front section of the blue book*)
Sung by the congregation.

Calvin Hampton

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-7 BCP page 694, *Dominus regit me*

Dominus regnavit

Sung by the choir.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 399: To God With Gladness Sing (choir sings first verse alone)

CAMANO

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 *Standing as able.*

Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: A man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had

received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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, the giver of all good things, that we who confess God's name be faithful stewards of that which is entrusted to us.

Bring to all people the knowledge and understanding that this world is not the end. Continue to guide and strengthen those who work tirelessly for the good, caring for your people and your creation. **Almighty God, hear us.**

Bless your Church, the Body of Christ, and guide your ministers to be good shepherds of their flocks. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Cathleen, our own Bishop, that they may be courageous and faithful in word and works.

Almighty God, hear us.

Spread throughout the world the spirit of love and care. We pray especially for St. John's Church, Parsons; and in the Cathedral cycle of prayer, for Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Alabama, that they may each continue to be a place of meaningful worship and outreach for their surrounding communities. **Almighty God, hear us.**

Draw into your service all leaders of nations, courts, and lawmakers; may they humbly receive the gift of leadership and care generously and graciously for others, until the Kingdom is at hand. **Almighty God, hear us.**

Have mercy on those known and unknown, in need of food, shelter, or clothing, those in prison and those who are alone. Through human hands bring them your love and care. And we pray also for Judy, Debbie, Bob Sommers, Carol, Nancy, Fr. Craig, Jenelle, Sara, Jan, Connie, Scott, and Allen. May your healing mercies rest upon them and give them peace. **Almighty God, hear us.**

We pray for those who have come to their last day and passed into new life, especially those we remember with flowers: Dode Lesser, Ida Groshong, Helen Porter, John Howard, Bishop Frank Millsbaugh, John Strotz, Gertrude Whitcomb, Bennett Wheeler. Confident that waking or sleeping we are always with Christ, we pray we shall always be ready to hear his call. **Almighty God, hear us.**

Celebrant: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP 360

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Be trustworthy in your service to the Lord and give generously from what has been given to you. For the Lord blesses those who are faithful with what they have been given.

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ANTHEM: O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Cathedral Choir

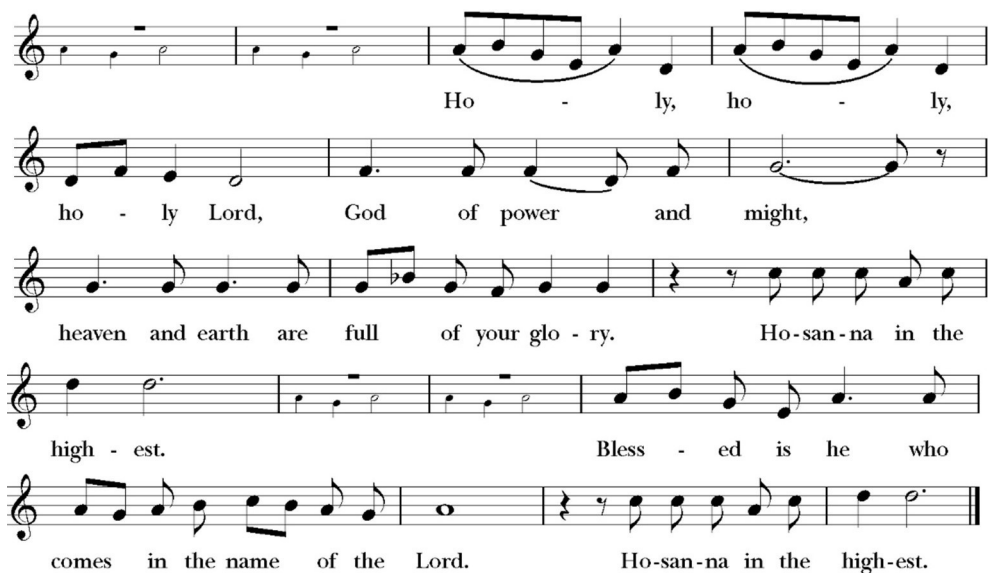
O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: Even the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork. [Psalm 84, 90] O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B, *BCP 367* *Standing as able.*

The Sanctus (S128)

William Mathias (1935-92)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Agnus dei (S155)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 341: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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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 680: O God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne", BWV 552/2

J.S. Bach (1685—1750)

MINISTERS TODAY

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

Assisting: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: Kent Wingerson, Elizabeth Massey

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Horne,

Michael Massey, Linda Park

Lector: Alana Seddon

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

Ushers: Team 5, Dick Edington, *Capt.*

Organist: Dr. Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Adrian Horne

Livestream: LeRoy Dagg

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Ingathering Sunday: Pledge cards affirming your annual pledge to Grace Cathedral will be brought forward to the altar and blessed this morning. There are extra pledge cards on either side of the Cathedral if you still need to make your 2024 pledge.

The St. Nicholas Tree is up! The Youth Group is excited to organize the St. Nicholas Tree once again this year! Families and individuals have been adopted through the Topeka Christmas Bureau. The St. Nick tree in the Common Room has ornaments with gift requests. You are invited to take one or more of the ornaments and donate the requested gift(s). Please bring all wrapped and labeled gifts to the Cathedral by Sunday, December 3 for the St Nicholas Celebration in All Saints Hall following the 10:30 service.

Choral Evensong today at 4 p.m.: The feast day of St. Cecilia, patroness of music and musicians, is November 22. This afternoon, the Grace Cathedral Choir will offer the great tradition of the Anglican choral evensong dressed to honor St. Cecilia. Come enjoy the spirituality of evensong and the beauty of music dedicated to its patron. A special reception will follow the service.

GREAT SPACES concert, November 21: L'ARTE DI SUONARE, Music of France and Italy, featuring recorder, gamba, violin, and our own Dr. Donald Livingston on the harpsichord.

Italy and France have been both rivals and friends in the development of music throughout the baroque period. Come enjoy the flavors of both musical styles in this program sure to please the ear and feed the soul, Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. *Tickets \$20 general / \$10 students / 12 & under free.*

Thursday, November 23, 10 a.m.: Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Service with Holy Communion. (No Morning Prayer service on Thanksgiving.)

St Nicholas Celebration- fun for the whole congregation! Sunday, December 3, following the 10:30 service

- * Visit from St Nicholas: It's time for St. Nicholas to visit and share his story. Be sure to leave your shoes out for special surprises!
- * We will welcome 21 Ukrainian families who will be able to choose donated Christmas trees and decorations and join us for worship and a potluck lunch
- * Hot Cocoa/Hot Cider bar
- * Holiday Market: The Youth Group is going to England in 2025! All purchases will go directly to the student's travel accounts.
- * Bakery: Under the skillful guidance of Cathedral baker extraordinaire Nicole Nielson, the Youth Group will have cookies and other treats for sale
- * Gifts: Handmade prayer beads and other items perfect for gift giving

Flower Ministry could use your help: The members of the Daughters of the King would like to invite you to be part of their flower ministry. Volunteers deliver two bouquets of flowers each week — taken from the altar flowers — to the sick, homebound, those who have been in the

hospital, newcomers, or as a way of saying thanks to parishioners.

They need two volunteers to help with deliveries on the 4th and 5th Monday of each month. *The 5th Monday of the month would not be every month.* They could also use some medium sized vases for their arrangements: four inches in diameter and eight inches high.

Please contact Jackie Sommers at jdrsommers@gmail.com or Jan Buckley at jbuckley1003@yahoo.com for more information. You do not have to be a woman or a member of the Daughters of the King to participate.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel: The holidays are a time when most everyone seems to be happy and having a good time, but it can be a challenging season for those who are experiencing loss or grief. Stephen Ministry is offering an Advent Service of Hope and Healing for those who are feeling sadness or stress. You are invited to join us in this safe and sacred space.

Christian Education

- **Adult Education will take a Thanksgiving break on November 26.**
Ages 4 years—5th 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. *Thanksgiving break on November 26.*

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

Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today, or use this QR code to fill out the information online.



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.*

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