

# THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, November 16, 2025  
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING SONG - We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

*We want to see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across the land  
That all men might see the truth and know  
He is the way to heaven*

*We want to see  
We want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high*

*Step by step we're moving forward  
Little by little taking ground  
Every prayer a powerful weapon  
Strongholds come a-tumbling down  
And down and down and down*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

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.**

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

## GLORIA

Hymn # S-280

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE PROPHET MALACHI

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

**See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.**

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### CANTICLE 9 - The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE SONG - What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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| <p>1. <i>What a friend we have in Jesus,<br/>all our sins and griefs to bear!<br/>What a privilege to carry<br/>everything to God in prayer!<br/>O what peace we often forfeit,<br/>O what needless pain we bear,<br/>all because we do not carry<br/>everything to God in prayer.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Have we trials and temptations?<br/>Is there trouble anywhere?<br/>We should never be discouraged;<br/>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Can we find a friend so faithful<br/>who will all our sorrows share?<br/>Jesus knows our every weakness;<br/>take it to the Lord in prayer.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>Are we weak and heavy laden,<br/>cumbered with a load of care?<br/>Precious Savior, still our refuge;<br/>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer!<br/>In his arms he'll take and shield thee;<br/>thou wilt find a solace there.</i></p> |
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

#### SERMON - Fr. Ralph

#### SERMON RESPONSE - Surely It is God Who Saves Me

##### CHORUS:

*Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and  
my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.*

1. *Therefore you shall draw water with  
rejoicing from the springs of salvation  
and on that day you shall say,  
"Give thanks to the Lord  
and call upon His name."*

##### BRIDGE:

*Make His deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that His name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for He has done great things  
and this is known in all the world.*

2. *Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;  
ring out your joy,  
to the Great One in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*Standing as you are able.*)

***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.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Form IV, BCP 388

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*pause*), that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN** (*The people may kneel or stand.*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

#### **ABSOLUTION**

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. **Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE** (*Standing as you are able.*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY SONG - Come Rest

*Busy, busy me, full of self-sufficiency  
I have tried so fervently to earn Your love.  
But any joy that I once found is wearing off,  
is winding down  
And I can hear You in the madness calling out.*

### REFRAIN:

*When you say come rest,  
should I be working so hard?  
When you say love, rest,  
did You want hands or my heart?  
'Cause I have done my best  
and still I've missed the mark  
But I remember You said it's done....so I come*

*So convinced that it was right,  
adding weight to what was light.  
Seeking value in Your sight,  
but I was wrong.  
For all the labor I have done,  
is but a candle to the sun.  
I can see that it would never measure up.*

*Come to the water's edge,  
I rest in Your promises.  
That all You ever wanted was me here  
And if there's nothing more that I can do,  
To earn the love I need from You  
Than all I've left to want is to be near.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

*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. Amen. Amen.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Standing as you are able.)

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Priest adds a proper preface)

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**



*(The people may kneel or stand.)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

These are 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.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.  
Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

*If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion,  
and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.*

### **COMMUNION SONG 1** - **Speak to Me**

1. *Speak to me in the sacred pages  
Speak to me from the book of nature  
Speak to me in my secret places  
Lord, speak to me, I am listening*

#### **CHORUS:**

*Give me ears to hear your call  
Fill my mind with your thoughts  
Make my heart a quiet pool  
Moved by every word from you  
Lord, speak to me, I am listening*

2. *Teach me as the midnight passes  
Reach me here in the daily madness  
Meet me there in the joy and sadness  
Lord, speak to me, I am listening*

3. *Tell my soul of a road much higher  
Feed my faith from your holy fire  
Write your ways on my heart's desire  
Lord, speak to me, I am listening*

### **COMMUNION SONG 2** - **Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

1. *Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There's a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

#### **REFRAIN:**

*In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

2. *Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.*

3. *Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.*

4. *Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river.*

## POST COMMUNION 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.*

## 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. **Amen.** *(these words may differ from time to time)*

## CLOSING SONG - Do Lord

REFRAIN:

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Way beyond the blue.*

*I've got a home in glory land  
That outshines the sun (Repeat x2)  
Way beyond the blue. (Refrain)*

*I took Jesus as my Savior,  
You take Him, too (Repeat x2)  
Way beyond the blue. (Refrain)*

## THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *(these words may differ from time to time)*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***



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**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service**

**10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**

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