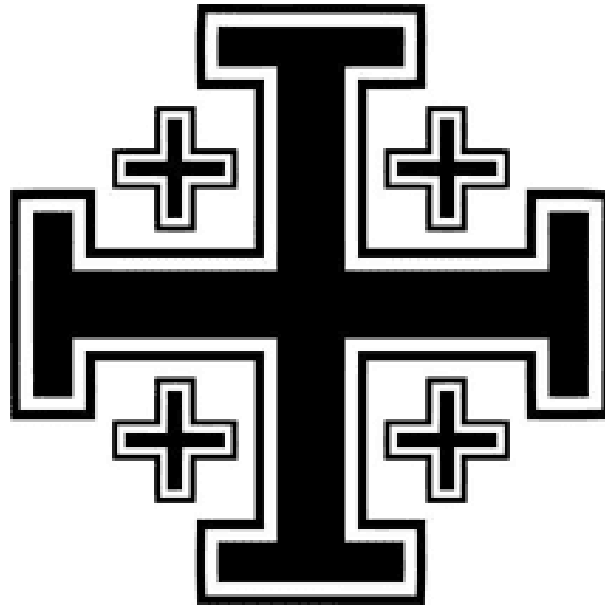


The 25th Sunday After Pentecost



Sunday, November 19, 2023
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SONG - Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus:
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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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 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL DURING THE GLORIA

GLORIA

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, Lord, 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 all of us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Come now, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen. 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 BOOK OF JUDGES

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 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 judgment. 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.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

Now 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG - Just a Closer Walk With Thee

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| <p>1. <i>I am weak, but thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.</i></p> <p><i>Refrain:
Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.</i></p> | <p>2. <i>Through this world of toils and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
(Refrain)</i></p> <p>3. <i>When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
(Refrain)</i></p> |
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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

SERMON RESPONSE

THE NICENE CREED

*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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; Ralph and Jeremy our Priests; and Nancy our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____;

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, especially _____, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The following prayers are for our Curate, The Reverend Jeremy Bradley, whose final service with us is today, Sunday, November 19, 2023. He takes up a new post beginning December 1 as Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fort Bend. Today's service is also a celebration of our time with Rev. Jeremy, Lauren, and Jonah as we send them with our love and blessings on their journey to a new church.

Prayers for a Priest:

Eternal God, endings can be hard, and it hurts to say goodbye to those that we have grown to love and whom we have embraced as part of our Calvary family. But we thank you for the time and the life that they shared with us, for how they changed us and how we changed them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father God, we thank you for Jeremy. For his sense of humor and his compassionate heart of service. The fun young adult gatherings, the school chapel services, the listening ear. His heart for outreach and his energy. His gifts of caring for others, teaching, and preaching. The gift of his family. For the spirituality and humanity inextricably bound up together in one person. We see the Christ in him as he sees the Christ in us. And we thank you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask for your blessing as Jeremy moves from here to there, from this challenge to the next. Bless his wit and his wisdom. Give him insight and patience. Help him to know when to speak and when to listen. When to lead and when to be led. May he recognize his strengths and realize when he needs help. Guide him to fulfil his calling and help him to enable others to see and fulfil theirs. May he encourage others and yet be gracious enough to take guidance. To know when to laugh and when to cry.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help Jeremy to know when to be the starting point, when to inform, and when to motivate. But help him, too, to see what you have already set in motion at St. Mark's, to discern traces of your grace and the history of love, to appreciate what you are in the process of doing there, where you have taken the initiative and been decisive. You have long beforehand been with the souls whom he will now care for as his flock. Above all, help Jeremy to understand your heart and your passion for all those whom he has now been called to serve.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We wrap Jeremy, Lauren, and Jonah in prayer, spinning a deep softness of gratitude to God around all our thoughts.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. [*Proper Preface is added*]

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. (2 times)

Hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (2 times)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

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

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

Our Father in heaven

Holy is Your name

Forgive us our sins Lord

As we forgive

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

Our Father in heaven

Give us our bread

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On the earth as it is in heaven

Let it be done on the earth

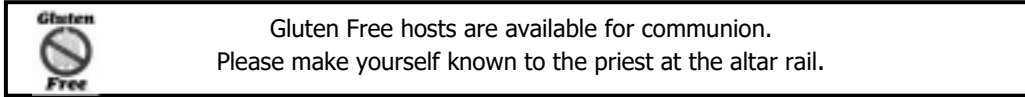
Amen amen amen

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.



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 - Word of God Speak

**1. I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what you would say**

**2. I'm finding myself in the midst of you
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with you
And in the quiet hear your voice**

(Ending)

**I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay**

Chorus:

**Word of God speak
Would you pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your
majesty
To be still and know
That you're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)**

COMMUNION SONG 2 - I Lift My Eyes Up

**I lift my eyes up
To the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth.**

**Oh, how I need you, Lord,
You are my only hope,
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life**

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 - Times of Refreshing

1. *Well, I thank you, Lord, that you are my Savior.
You're my strength and you're the rock on which I stand.
You give me life and a grace that's greater,
When I humble myself beneath your mighty hand.*
2. *For the day will come when we'll all be gathered.
And the sun will rise with healing in its wings.
And all the years of pain won't seem to matter,
When our eyes behold our Teacher and our King.*

Chorus:

*You bring times of refreshing
You bring times of refreshing
You bring times of refreshing to my soul
When I'm weary from the fight
And trying to do what's right
You bring times of refreshing to my soul*

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.

Join us in the Parish Hall after the service for coffee, cookies & fruit
and to wish Rev. Jeremy, Lauren & Jonah Godspeed.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jeremy, Lauren, and Jonah Bradley in thanksgiving for our Calvary Family

Please Sign Up To Donate Flowers
Enhance Our Worship + Thank God + Remember A Loved One
The notebook to sign up for flower offerings is in the Narthex.
Please stop by and sign up or contact the church office. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Sunday - Traditional Service
10:30 AM Sunday - Contemporary Service
5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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