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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

Almighty God, you have built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. Join us together in one spirit by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your spirit dwells; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

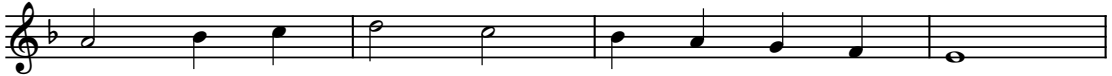
ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “We will extol you, ever blessed Lord” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



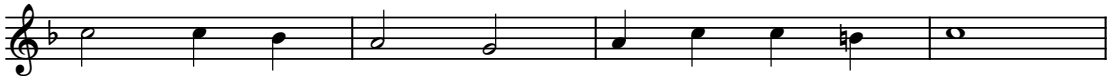
1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er bless - ed Lord;
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song,
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all,



your ho - ly Name for ev - er be a - dored;
tell - ing the won - ders which to you be - long,
close to your chil - dren when on you they call;



each day we live our psalm to you we raise;
your might - y acts with joy and fear re - late;
and slow to an - ger, mer - ci - ful and kind,



you, God and King, are wor - thy of all praise,
praise we your glo - ry while on you we wait,
in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings find.



great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

—Words: J. Nichol Grieve (1868–1954), alt.; para. of Psalm 145

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Music: *Old 124th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE "How wondrous and great" *Remain standing; everyone sings.*

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:
O who shall not fear thee, and hon-or thy Name?
thy truth and thhy judg-ments shall spread all a-broad,
Thou on-ly, art ho-ly, thou on-ly, su-preme.
till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-fess thee their God.

—Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759–1858), alt. para. *The Song of the Redeemed*
Music: *Lyons*, attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Joel (2:23–32).

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65, continued



Tenors/Basses:

- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

All:

- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy (4:6–8, 16–18).

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Surely it is God who saves me” *Everyone sings.*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

—Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1949); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*
Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Irwin (b. 1950)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:9–14).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Melanie Gillespie and Angela Lister for Children’s Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.*

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God Al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Beach Spring*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Thankful for all that God has done, let us rest in the beauty of God's holiness and offer our prayers, saying, "We call on your Name, O Lord. You are our salvation."

Leader: We pray for the health and healing of the earth, that from the mountains to the seas, all creation might show forth the glory of God. We call on your Name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for Christians everywhere, that we may be rooted in Christ and abounding in thanksgiving for all that God has done. We call on your Name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for justice that brings peace in all places of violence and war; and for all whose lives are devastated by poverty, instability, disease, or disaster; for all refugees far and near; and for an end to gun violence everywhere. We call on your Name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for all those who lead in the structures of government, that they may be led by love in their service to others. We remember those in the military, especially those who have been deployed. We call on your Name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for this community of Knoxville and especially for this parish family of Good Samaritan, that mutual love may continue. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We call on your Name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for all those who need our prayers: the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	RARA Schlitt
ANNA Bass	ATTIE Lewis	GORDON & SALLY Sisk
BEVERLY Burns	FRANCIS Lloyd	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	NATALIE McNutt	DENISE Tibedo
CATHY Chait	THE NEISLER FAMILY	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	PAT & DICK Pagni	SUE Wager
DANA Downey	KENT Parish	ALICE Wegmann
DOUG Emblar	ALLAN Philp	and
BEVERLY Guiler	MARILYN Randall	MICHELE Welsh
EDDIE & LYNN Hopps	JANE Reed	

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: We call on your name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Leader: We pray for all who have died and for families and friends who grieve, trusting that God is with them and will wipe away every tear. We call on your name, O Lord.

People: You are our salvation.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people may kneel or bow. Silence is kept for a space.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Savior, Teach Me Day by Day

Savior, teach me, day by day,
Thine own lesson to obey;
Better lesson ne'er can be:
Loving him who first loved me.

With a child-like heart of love,
At thy bidding may I move;
Prompt to serve and follow thee,
Loving him who first loved me.

—Words: Jane Lesson, 1842, alt.
Music: Raymond Weidner (b. 1949)

HYMN “For the beauty of the earth” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

For the beau - ty of the earth, sing, O sing to - day.
Of the skies and at our birth, sing, O sing al - ways.
Na - ture hu - man and di - vine all a - round us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise grate - ful hymns of praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a whole note, the third with a half note and a quarter note, and the fourth with a whole note. The music is written in a single treble clef.

—Words: Folliot Pierpoint (1835–1917)
Music: *Adoro te devote*, French melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*;
adapt. 1997 by Paul Winter (b. 1939)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you hear the prayers of all who humble themselves before you; and by your grace, you forgive our sins and welcome us, blessed and beloved in your eyes. 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:

Everyone sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: From *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 for ever.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 All: 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

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.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Humbly I adore thee” *Everyone sings.*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

—Words: Attr. Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); sts. 1–3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982
 Music: *Adoro te devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

HYMN “For the fruit of all creation” *Everyone sings.*



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



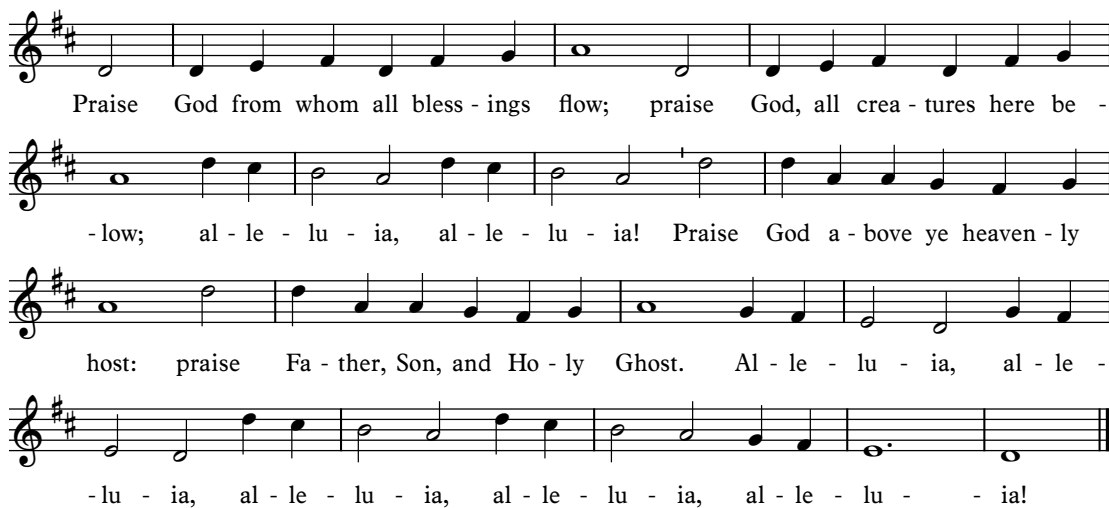
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in God's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

—Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000), alt.
Music: *Ar Hyd y Nos*, Welsh folksong

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
- low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body
and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

HYMN “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion



to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,



one soul should fail to know his love and might:
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.



Refrain
 Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

—Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt.
 Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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