

# *Grace Episcopal Church*

**The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 31, 2021**

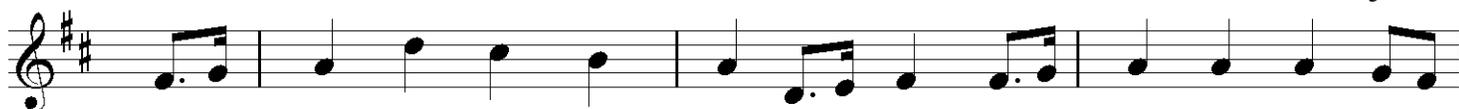
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:30 a.m.**

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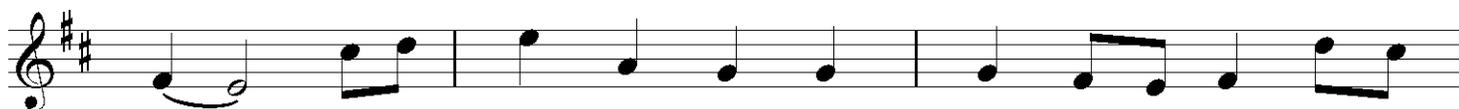
## PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* -Chorale tune by M. Luther

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #546

*Awake, my soul*

1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
 2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
 3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on  
 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
 vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
 high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
 on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
 on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
 thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
 an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S280 (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

*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 OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

- 235 Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

*Lector* A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- The Word of the Lord     **All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:1-8 (*responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> **Happy are they who observe his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts!**

<sup>3</sup> Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his ways.

<sup>4</sup> **You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup> **Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup> I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup> **I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

Lector A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

- The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #424

*For the fruit of all creation*

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to  
 God. done. God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor,  
 For the good we all in - her - it,  
 thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
 God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing  
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,  
 si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in  
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests  
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that  
 earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

-- The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher

358 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.

392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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, *Samuel and Anne* our Bishops; *Ed* our Priest; and all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

We pray for all of who have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus -- those who are sick, those who have died, and those who mourn. *Silence*

As we pray for the folks on our prayer list ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker, **Cameron** Klass, and **Jack** Tincher and those with special needs:

**Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Scott** Biesecker, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Mike** Cullinan, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Matt** Haynes, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Gilliam** Nicholson, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Doris** Reece, **Libby** Robert, **Michael** Roels, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Robin** Sink, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, **Charlotte** Young, and **Marty** Younts.

Are there others?

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

*Please stand if you are able*

### 360 THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - S. Temple*

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*The offering is brought forward as the hymn is sung.*

#### PRESENTATION HYMN #321 (vv. 1-2)

*My God, thy table now is spread*

*Unison or harmony*



1 Where-fore, O Fa - ther, we thy hum-ble ser - vants here bring be -  
2 See now thy chil-dren, mak - ing in - ter - ces - sion through him our



fore thee Christ thy well - be - lov - ed. All - per - fect Of - fering,  
Sa - vior, Son of God in - car - nate, for all thy peo - ple,



sac - ri - fice im - mor - tal, spot - less ob - la - tion.  
liv - ing and de - part - ed, plead - ing be - fore thee.

*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 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

### SANCTUS #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven 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 people stand or kneel*

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:

*Celebrant and People* **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 for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

364 **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.**

364 **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

364 **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*All kneeling or sitting*

*If you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail,  
please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

365 **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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

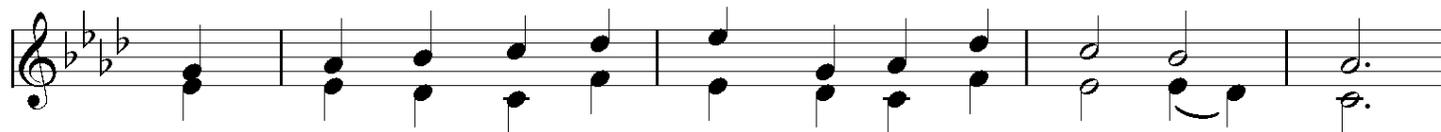
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POST-COMMUNION HYMN #372 (vv 1, 3-4)

*Praise to the living God!*



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people*

**People Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Tocatta in D Minor - J. S. Bach*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of god  
by Chris & Mike Hodges  
in loving memory of C. L. Van Dyke and Dorrie Stocking, her parents,  
and Archie & Margaret Hodges, his parents.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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<b>Lector:</b>	Kathie Goodman	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Hadley Briggs
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Kristi Allred		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sims Riggan	<b>Audio Visual:</b>	David Jones
	Tommy Black		Russ Johnson, Wes Allred

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guided by the life and teachings of Jesus.*

*In light of this mission we strive:*

- *to promote spiritual growth and healing through worship, study, and fellowship.*
- *to sustain a mutually supportive community*
- *to invite and include all who would seek and serve God with us.*
- *to serve those beyond our parish.*
- *to advocate social, environmental, and economic justice.*



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