



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude: Prelude on *Land of Rest*

Richard Proulx, *arr. John Sullivan*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 398

Forest Green

1 I sing the al-migh - ty power— of— God, that made the— moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of— the— Lord, who filled the— earth with food,
3 There's not a plant or flower— be - low, but makes thy— glo - ries known,
that spread the flow - ing seas— a - broad, and built the— lof - ty skies.
who formed the crea - tures with- his— Word, and then pro - nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem - pests— blow, by or - der— from thy throne;
I— sing the wis - dom— that— or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord,— how thy won - ders— are— dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while— all that bor - rows— life— from— thee is ev - er in thy care,
the moon shines full at God's— com - mand, and all the— stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground— I— tread, or gaze u - pon the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I— could— be, thou, God, art— pres - ent there.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

People **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.**

Song of Praise: S-278 (Glory to God)

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

The Lessons

A reading from Deuteronomy (6:1–9)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 162

Commentary:

Deuteronomy is full of instructions and speeches Moses delivered before the Israelites crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land. In these verses, Moses reiterated that God's blessing, in the form of long life, peace, prosperity and numerous descendants, was contingent upon their continued obedience to the Lord. Israel's God was to be the sole object of worship, allegiance and affection. Not only were the people to love and serve the Lord exclusively, they were responsible to teach these timeless truths to the following generations. Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is a powerful reminder that He will be faithful in present circumstances.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:1—8

Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



My de-light is in your sta-tutes; I will not for - get your word.

Psalm chant



All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.

Happy are they whose way is / **blameless**, *
 who walk in the law of the / **Lord!**
 Happy are they who observe his de-/**crees** *
 and seek him with all their / **hearts!**

ANTIPHON

Who never do any / **wrong**, *
 but always walk in his / **ways**.
 You laid down your com-/**mandments**, *
 that we should fully / **keep them**.

ANTIPHON

Oh, that my ways were made so / **direct** *
 that I might keep your / **statutes!**
 Then I should not be put to / **shame**, *
 when I regard all your com-/**mandments**.

Antiphon

I will thank you with an unfeigned / **heart**, *
 when I have learned your righteous / **judgments**.
 I will keep your / **statutes**; *
 do not utterly for-/**sake me**.

ANTIPHON

A reading from Hebrews (9:11—14)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1096

Commentary:

The writer of Hebrews explained how Jesus, our superior High Priest, fulfills and surpasses the former system of temple worship with its repeated sacrifices. In these verses, two significant contributions of the atoning work of Christ are highlighted: eternal redemption and a cleansed conscience for serving the living God. The deaths of innocent animal substitutes were only sufficient to atone for sin temporarily. However, because Jesus Christ was the perfect, sinless substitute, His death adequately and eternally paid for the sins of all people.

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.



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; his bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide;
 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth not, and thou art dear;



lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 life with its way be - fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 on - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:28—34

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 926

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees 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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and People

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Sung by the choir*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

Presentation Hymn 380 (*stanza 3*)

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C (*BCP p. 369*)

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of the People (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn 479

Wem in Leidenstagen

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;
 1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en;
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang keep free from all de - ceiv - ing;
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do thou not ban - ish;



let ears that now have heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
 the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
 the bo - dies by thy Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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

Hymn

Land of Rest

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
 brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
 and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
 be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
 as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prelude and Fuge in F Major, BWV 556

Johann Sebastian Bach

Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 1-5

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Zoom or Graham Parlor

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

PORT CITY JAVA BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | PCJ on S. 17th Street

SJDS PARENTS' COFFEE ON THE LAWN

8:45 AM | Bacon House Lawn

THE PATH BIBLE STUDY

11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

6:30 PM | Zoom

EPISCO-POSSE BIBLE STUDY

8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

CONTEMPLATION WITH
COMPANIONS, SCRIPTURE & QUIET

7:00 PM | Zoom

CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 P.M. | Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

HYMN SING: BRIGHTMORE
2:00 PM | Brightmore

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

QUIET REFLECTION

7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON

7:45-9:45 AM | Great Hall

RISE AGAINST HUNGER OUTREACH

9AM, 11AM, 1PM | Perry Hall Gym

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

8:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 AM | St. James Parish

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM

10:30 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

WELCOME SUNDAY EVENT

11:30 AM | St. James Parish

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK &

LIVE AT 5 WORSHIP

5:00 PM | St. James Parish BYOS*

***BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies if you plan to sit outside - Please bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, etc.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the Nov. 9th Digital Grapevine is Nov. 5th. Please use online form to submit.

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