
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST
Service of Holy Eucharist
November 8, 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: 462 THE LORD WILL COME AND NOT BE SLOW

- 1 The Lord will come and not be slow,
 his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
 his royal harbinger.
- 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
 shall bud and blossom show;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
 look down on us below.
- 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
 this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
 the nations all possess.
- 4 The nations all whom thou hast made
 shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
 and glorify thy Name.
- 5 For great thou art, and wonders great
 by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
 remainest God alone.

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE - GLORY TO YOU

1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Celebrant: God be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

(the people read the verses in bold print)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; ***
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ***
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 **You are my helper and my deliverer; ***
O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND LESSON: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 68 REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS

1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet

him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presider: Fixing our thoughts and desires on holy Wisdom, let us offer prayers to God for all the world.

Prayer Leader: For Daniel our bishop and Lynn our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Lord, have mercy.

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

Lord, have mercy.

For our city and those who live in it and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list: Carmel, Gail Ballerstedt, Melody Cannon, Sherry Eichert, Bob Juskalis, Penny Miller, Kristen Mirabello, Jessica and Dennis Roberts, and for all those for whom we pray silently or aloud. (*Pause*)

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider: God, whose Son died and rose again, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring all your people to the wedding banquet of your Son in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest stands and says

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.**

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ **TODAY, November 8th** -- second discussion of the documentary **White Like Me**, **THIS Sunday, November 8th**, from 10:30-noon.

Alan Kiel comments on attending the White Like Me conversation in September:

"First let me say, initially, I was reluctant to join the conversation because I was uncomfortable, not sure what to say and not fully knowledgeable about the facts. By the time the conversation had ended, I was more open to the meaning of racism and thinking about my own biases and actions. I also walked away wanting to learn more and understand more about my role moving forward. Probably the biggest take away for me was the willingness of everyone to share their thoughts and feelings in a confidential environment, while at the same time being open and accepting of my thoughts and feelings. It was a very good experience and I would do it again."

In November Lynn, the Outreach Committee and the Vestry will continue a discussion on racism. We do this not as a political act, but in response to our baptismal covenant and Jesus'

command that we love our neighbor as ourselves. We will begin by viewing the film *White Like Me* and sharing our reactions who what we have learned. Won't you join us also??

To learn more about the film, please see a preview online

This link is free: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv_Y9ah049Y

Or for a \$5 donation, you can rent directly from the company Films for Action. <https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/white-like-me/>



★ **November 12th** THE ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON is happening on Thursday, **November 12th**. TAKE-OUT ONLY. Your help is needed to

- provide sponsorships for supplies,
 - do the preparatory work (**Nov. 10 @ 6pm**),
 - make the soup (**Nov. 11 @ 10am**) and
 - help curbside on **Nov. 12** to distribute soup and collect the \$\$.
- If you can help do any of these things, please contact Henrietta Kiel at alankiel@comcast.net TODAY.

★ **Saturday, November 14**, Introduction to Systemic Racism, is a Diocesan-sponsored program held online from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. This webinar is an introduction to the four-part series from the Anti-Racism Commission of the diocese which explores the multi-layered manifestations of systemic racism in the United States. We will develop a sociological understanding of the concepts race, racism, prejudice, discrimination, ethnicity, minority, power, privilege, stratification, as well as other relevant terminology. Register for this event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-systemic-racism-tickets-123382479317>

★ On Sunday, November 22 we'll have a special Zoom coffee hour at 10:30 to celebrate our 2020 stewardship drive and the reveal the preliminary 2021 budget.

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER Book of Common Prayer, page 830

Birthdays in our parish this week: *Michael Cummings, Victor Kalnajs, Bruce Nicholson, Aylis Wolf*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: WHEN THE POOR ONE WHO HAS NOTHING *sung by Heidi New*

1. When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others.

Refrain: Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all around us. *Refrain*

3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better. *Refrain*

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance.
When we learn how to make peace instead of war.
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor. *Refrain*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 all 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;**

The Celebrant continues: 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
 who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

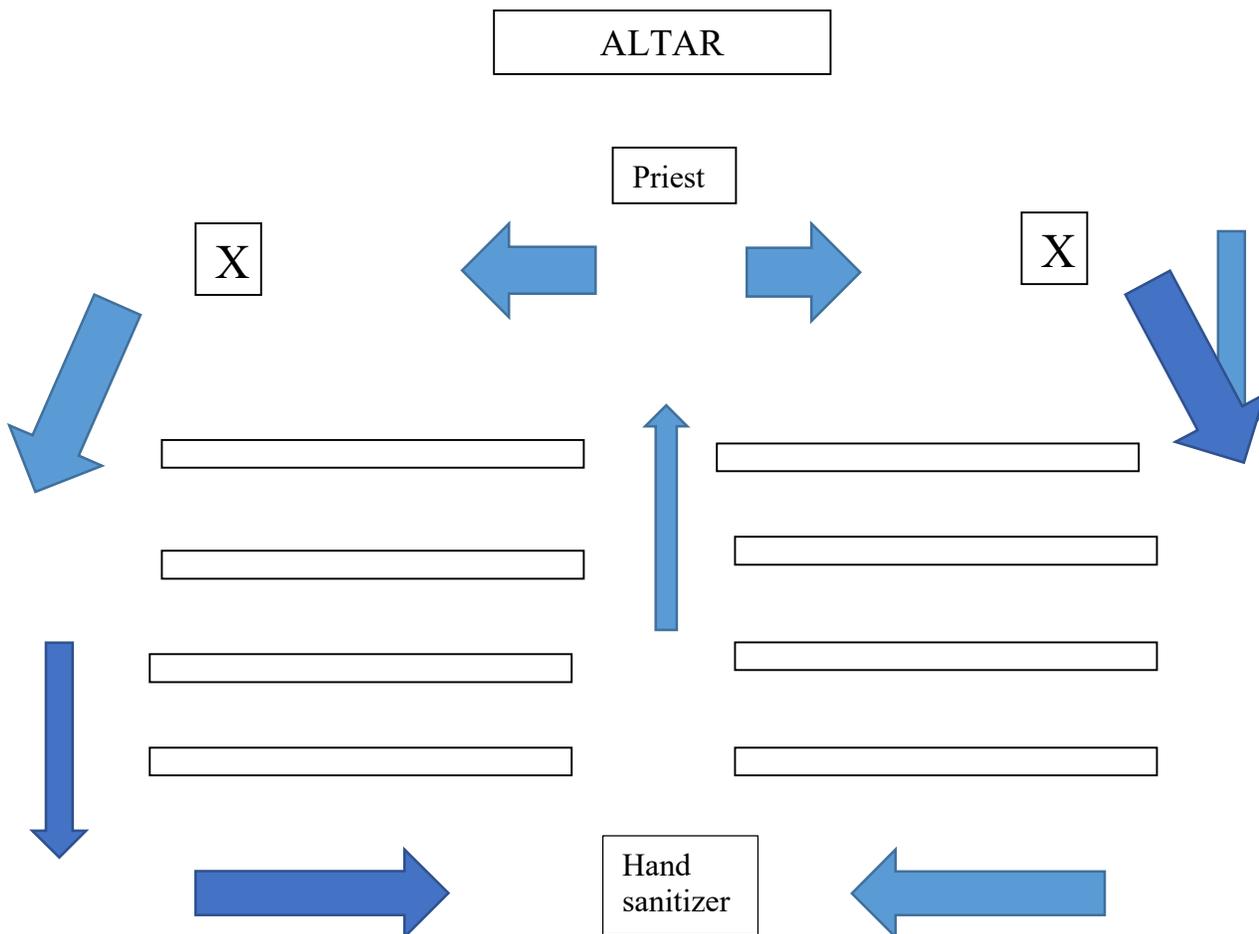
The Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Here's how to come forward for communion:



- Leave your mask on.
- Beginning with the last pew, use the side aisle to walk to the back of the church and to the hand sanitizer.
- Put hand sanitizer on your hands and then walk forward to the altar as you rub in the sanitizer.
- Please leave 6 ft between yourself and other people.
- Leave your mask on while you receive the bread in your hands.
- Move to the side and lifting your mask, pause and eat the bread. Say a prayer if you wish. We have plenty of time.
- Return to your pew via the side aisle.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*spoken together*)

Celebrant: 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 the 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 436 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold the King of glory waits!
 The King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here.
2. O blest the land, the city blest,
 where Christ the ruler is confessed!
 O happy hearts and happy homes
 to whom this King of triumph comes!
3. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
 make it a temple, set apart
 from earthly use for heaven's employ,
 adorned with prayer and love and joy.
4. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel:
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

5. So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'

Tim O'Brien/Darrell Scott

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Lectors and Intercessor: Sharon Dippre, Drew Dippre, Beverly Harvey

Musicians: Barbara Johnson and Heidi New

Tech Support: Evan & Drew Dippre

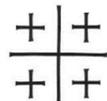
Altar Guild: Maryann Cannon

Officiant: Rev. Lynn Hade

*Today's altar flowers are given
in memory of the **loved ones of George and Aylis Wolf.***

All music has been reproduced with permission of OneLicense.net #A-711672

The altar candles for the month of *November* are given in loving memory of
Ruth Dorothy Griffin Iacullo & James C. Iacullo, Sr. given by Jim Iacullo.



Church of the Advent

12 Byberry Road, Hatboro, PA, 19040

215-675-5737 www.adventhatboro.org