

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 17, 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant:Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.People:And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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.**



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Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.*People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:9-16

(recited responsively, by whole verse)

- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

> "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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SEQUENCE HYMN #338 Wherefore, O Father

1. Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants here bring before thee Christ thy well-beloved, All-perfect Offering, sacrifice immortal, spotless oblation.

2. See now thy children, making intercession through him our Savior, Son of God incarnate, for all thy people, living and departed, pleading before thee.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (said by all) 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;

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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 – FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

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, and Daniel and Rodney, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

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

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

The People may add their own petitions

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 may be kept.

Leader and People

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

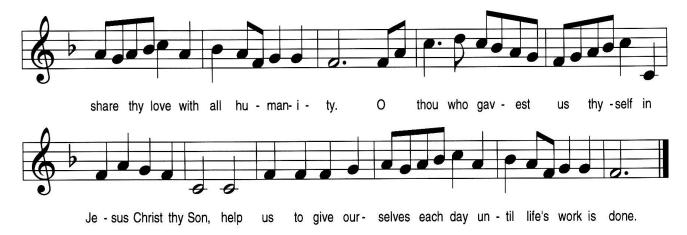
People: And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS: Diane Bernosky, Barbara Irvine, James Drinkwater, Caitlyn Gilman

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever 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* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ode to Contentment Shaker hymn DOXOLOGY With grat - i- tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

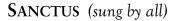
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

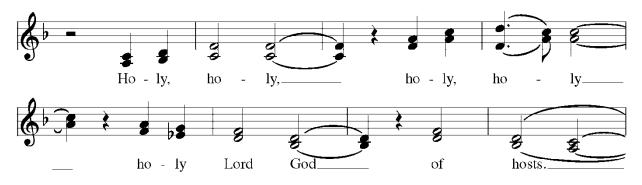
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

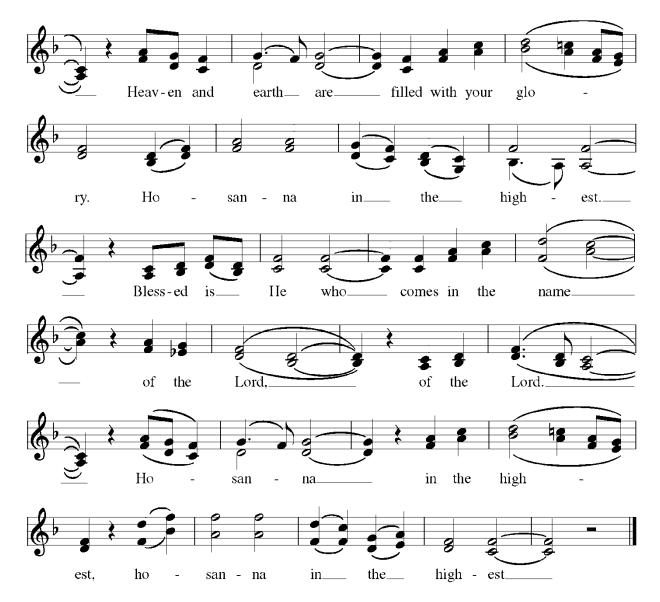
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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





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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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 all 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.

The Celebrant continues

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.

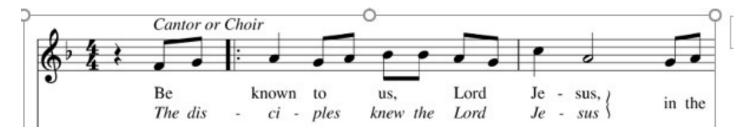
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!





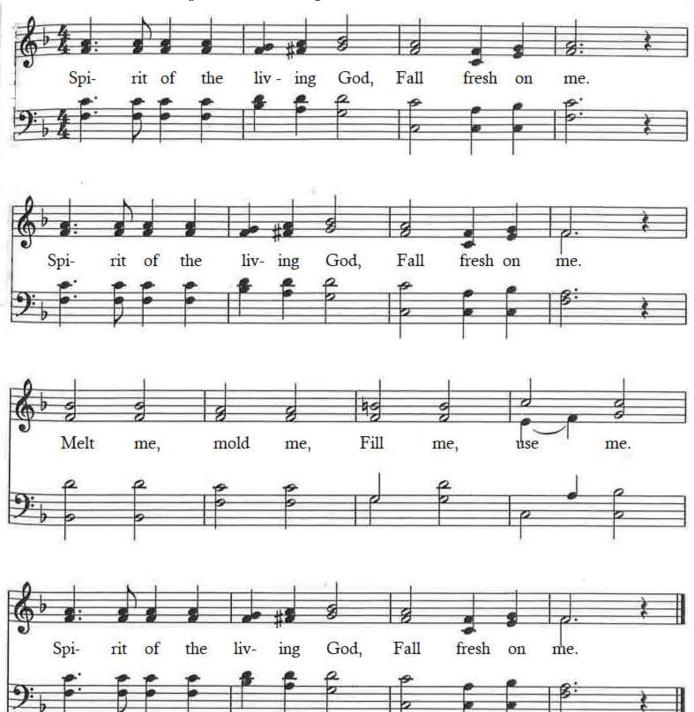
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – from St. Augustine's prayerbook

The Celebrant continues to hold the Eucharistic elements before the people while he reads this prayer together with those worshipping remotely.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart, I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until, by your grace, I may come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN: Spirit of the Living God

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #477 All Praise be Yours, for You, O King Divine 1. All praise be yours, for you, O King divine, Your rightful glory freely did resign That in our darkened hearts your grace might shine. Alleluia!

2. You came to us in lowliness of thought;By you the outcast and the poor were sought,And by your death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!

3. O Jesus, let your mind within us be, For you were servant that we might be free And humbly stooped to death on Calvary. Alleluia!

4. Therefore you are, by God's eternal vow,Most high exalted o'er all creatures nowAnd giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!

5. Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord In heav'n and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord, And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

10/17/2021: Faithful Servant—Doing What Is Right

When we talk of stewardship, our thoughts normally turn to money. However, while our giving to support the church is an important part of being good stewards, it isn't the whole thing. Faithful stewards are servants and they clearly understand two things. First of all, they know whom they serve; secondly, their loyalty is not for sale, not even to the one whom they serve. The Roman writer Plutarch tells a story about King Antipater and his advisor Phocion: "As Phocion, therefore, answered King Antipater, who sought his approbation of some unworthy action, 'I cannot be a flatterer and your friend." In Jeremiah we find a similar story of loyalty by a servant of King Zedekiah (Jer. 38:1-13). Zedekiah, frequently troubled by the prophet Jeremiah, abdicated his responsibility and told some of his advisors to do what they wanted with Jeremiah. They threw Jeremiah in a cistern, and left him there to die. But Zedekiah had a faithful servant named Ebed-Melech (a name that literally means "servant of the king") who informed the king that his counselors, acting in his name, had acted wickedly, and that if the king did not do something, the prophet would die. The king wisely had the servant pull Jeremiah out of the cistern. Isaiah wrote four songs about the "Servant of God." In his first song (Isa. 42:1-3) we learn that the servant's, or steward's, ultimate concern is with justice being done. In both Hebrew and Greek the same word is used for "justice" and "righteousness." Doing what is just is doing what is right, and certainly faithful stewards will strive to do what is right and just.

> The Rev. Fred Weimert, Vice President of the Board, Central Maryland Ecumenical Council

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This coming Saturday, October 23, our clergy and our elected Convention delegates will be attending our diocesan convention. We thank them for their generous stewardship in giving of their time and abilities to represent our congregation in the larger church. We ask your prayers as these delegates vote and make decisions affecting not only our church, but all the churches in our diocese. Thank all of you who generously give week by week to enable our congregation to support our diocesan ministries. We pray that we will represent you well.



The Deacons of the Diocese are conducting a "Blue Jean Drive". Blue jeans are durable and in need by those who are without shelter. Churches are being asked to collect what we can so they can be delivered to those with the most need.

Needed:

- Clean, gently worn jeans.
- Those jeans that are in the back of the closet that you will never wear again.
- Brand new jeans.

A box is in the narthex for drop-off. Fr. Näz will work out the logistics of getting the donations dropped off for distribution.



PLEASE JOIN THE CARING FOR FRIENDS COOK IN, SUNDAY OCTOBER 24TH AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE

The following items are needed as well as packers:

- Main dishes: stew (beef or chicken), pasta with meat sauce or pasta with meatballs and sauce, meatloaf
- Side dishes: mashed potatoes
- If you prefer not to cook, consider donating: frozen green beans or mixed vegetables, tater tots, applesauce, peaches, bread or cookie

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. If you have questions, see any member of the outreach committee: Jeanne Bernosky, Ellen Kavash, Janet Gilman, Deb Stoddart or Dennis Cunningham.



SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th: SOUP LUNCHEON!!

Commitment Sunday in November 7. Please be thinking about your financial pledge to the Church of the Advent and join with your fellow parishioners in keeping this place strong spiritually and financially.

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