

"Where All Are Welcome . . . No Exceptions!"

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

The Holy Eucharist The Word of God

Prelude Voluntary "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

Hymn Tune: Brother James' Air David Gale

Processional Hymn (Please stand as able)

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#372 | "Praise to the Living God!"

Children's Chat - Robert Freeman

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

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

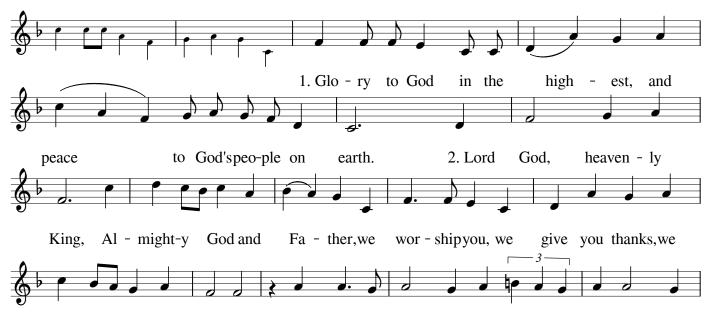
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the

thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthi-

ly magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

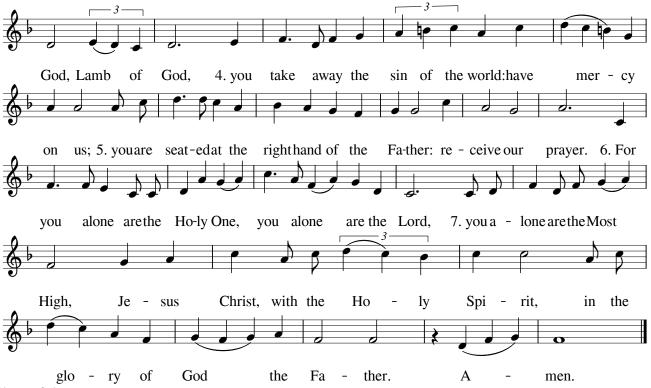
Canticle of Praise: Glory to God

Hymnal S280



praise you for your glo - ry.

3. LordJe - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

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 forever.

People Amen.

First Reading (Please be seated)

Reader A Reading from Deuteronomy:

Introduction to the First Reading

As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the Lord and to teach God's law to future generations.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:1-8



Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

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 commandments.

when I regard all your commandments. [ANT.]

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes;

do not utterly forsake me. [ANT.]

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Second Reading

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Introduction to the Second Reading

In ancient Hebrew worship, temporary forgiveness and purity came through animal sacrifice. Now, however, our forgiveness and purity come eternally through the death of Jesus.

Hebrews 9:11-14

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (Please stand as able) - Please see page 9

#551 | "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!"

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

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,

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

The Prayers of the People The Leader and People pray responsively.

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Strengthen the church to rediscover paths of love throughout the world and raise up teachers and leaders to guide communities of faith into joyful ways of welcoming, worshiping, healing, praying, singing, feeding, teaching, loving, and living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embolden movements of people to care for the world around us. Reveal to us creation's beauty and teach us to care for your fields, valleys, mountains, streams, oceans, and deserts, so that future generations will continue to be awed by them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant courage to all world leaders who hear your call for peace. Protect all who live in lands affected by violence. Strengthen the United Nations and all worldwide peace efforts that help us to live in harmony as neighbors who share a common planet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Provide refuge and help for all who lack adequate food, housing, or health care. Strengthen organizations that provide neighborly care to all who struggle. Heal and be present with all who are sick or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your wisdom upon all voters who will go to polling places on election day and uplift candidates and campaign workers locally and nationwide, that your vision of neighborly love and justice would infuse every community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the witness of the saints, especially reformers throughout generations who worked to rediscover the proclamation of the gospel. Guide us in their way of living until we all gather together at your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. Amen.

(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)

The Confession of Sin (Please kneel as able or be seated)

Reader 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 People 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 Absolution

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.*

The Peace (Please stand as able)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

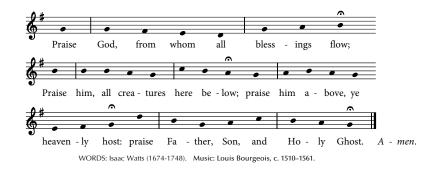
The Holy Communion

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.

> Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to: The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR Securely online through our website - https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html

Offertory Sentence & Interlude

Doxology (The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung. Please stand as able)



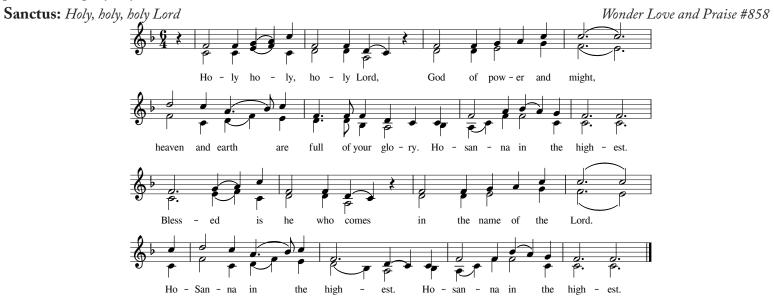
The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

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 people may kneel as able, or be seated. 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, the 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 many 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 [and] 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.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, as we forgive those hallowed be thy Name, who trespass against us.

thy kingdom come, And lead us not into temptation,

thy will be done, but deliver us from evil. on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom,

Give us this day our daily bread. and the power, and the glory, And forgive us our trespasses, for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution Anthem - "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Words: Omer Westendorf & Music: Robert E. Kreutz

Vocalist: Robert Freeman Accompanist: Scott Kresge

Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Benediction (Please stand as able)

Recessional Hymn Please see page 11 #688 | "A Mighty Fortress"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "March Founded on the Chorale A Mighty Fortress" Percy E. Fletcher

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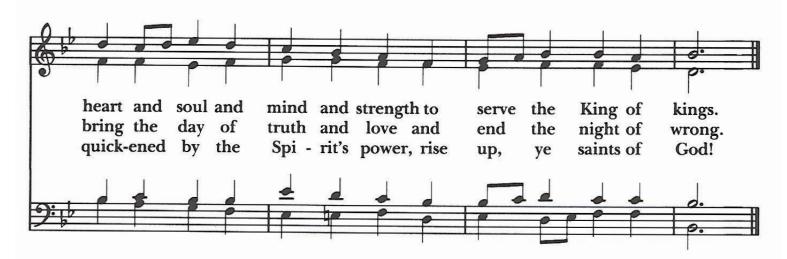


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Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage





Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893)

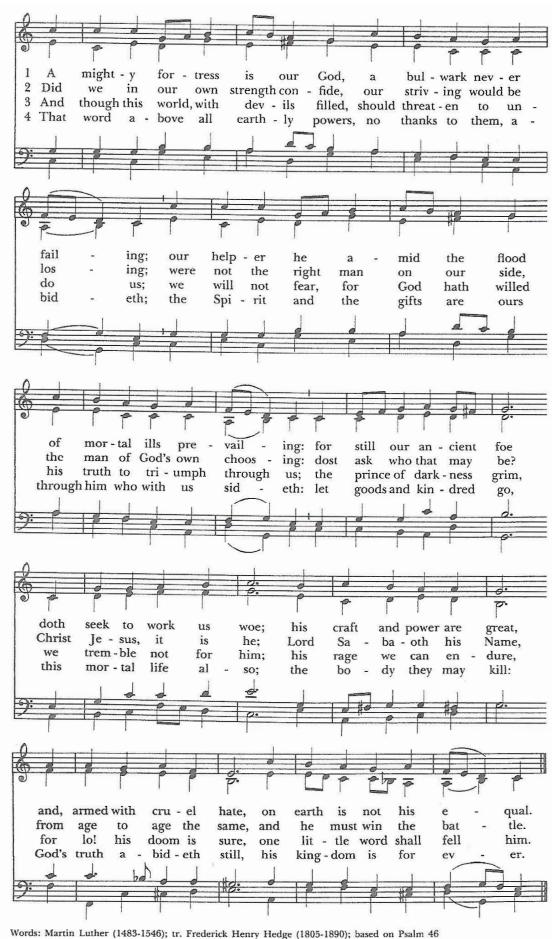
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Music: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)