

2023 Convention Eucharist 11 November 2023 • 9 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome and thank you for including us in your spiritual journey.

If you need assistance, please locate an usher.

If you are new among us, please introduce yourself
to an usher or a member of the clergy.

PRELUDE

Solemn Procession Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)



THE WORD of GOD



Music: melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. Wm. Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). Text: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

THE SALUTATION B.C.P., p. 355

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

People And blessed be his 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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said

to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**Silence may follow

PSALM 78:1-7

Attendite, popule

B.C.P., p. 694



Sung by choir and congregation. Each half verse is sung on the reciting note up to the last accented syllable.

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my péople; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a párable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient tímes.
- That which we have heard and known, '
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lórd, * and the wonderful works he has dóne.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Ísrael, * which he commanded them to teach their chíldren;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, '
 and the children yet unbórn; *
 that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

Second half of chant

7 So that they might put their trust in Gód, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commándments.

THE EPISTLE 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.

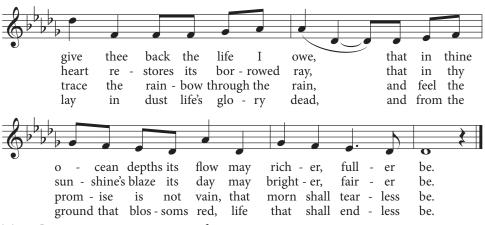
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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



Text: George Matheson (1842-1906). Music: Scott Solak (b. 1961), ©.



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Ketlen A. Solak Bishop, Diocese of Pittsburgh

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

Deacon or other leader

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of others as dear to us as our own. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the communities of faith that worship in your churches and missions.

Bless our Bishop Ketlen, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received.

By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be present with us today who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right and grant us the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our President, Joe, our Governor, Josh, and our Mayor, Ed, and all the leaders in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote dignity and freedom of every person;

We give thanks for the good earth that God has given us; give us the will and grace to preserve it. Protect all from lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death, particularly in Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine. Be with those who mourn, those taken from their homes and families, those whose homes are destroyed, and those who are hungry and afraid. Be their rock and shield, a place of refuge in the midst of violence and destruction. Offer a way out to those who are trapped.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember veterans and those in active military service. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, and whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who cry out for help in their trouble; For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the unemployed, and all who suffer;

For all caregivers; for all those whom we now name: Deliver them mind, body, and soul.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive into the arms of your mercy those who have died;

For those who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister 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 celebrant 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**.

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

—Psalm 34:8

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age, to receive Holy Communion.

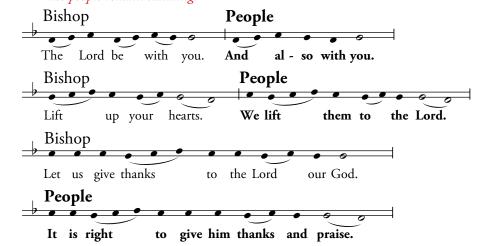
Gluten free wafers are available upon request of the celebrant.

If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

There will be four communion distribution stations, two in the center aisle at the altar rail and one in each transept. An usher will dismiss those sitting on the center aisle to receive from the two stations at the altar rail. Please return to your seats by looping back around down the side aisle. If you are sitting on a side aisle, an usher will dismiss you to receive at one of the stations located in one of the transepts and form a line along the wall to receive.

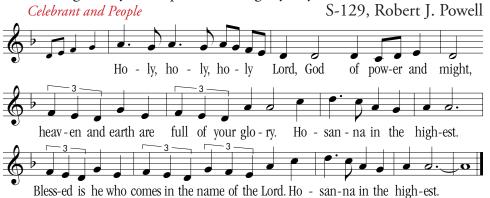
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B *The people remain standing*.

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The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 stand or kneel. 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 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,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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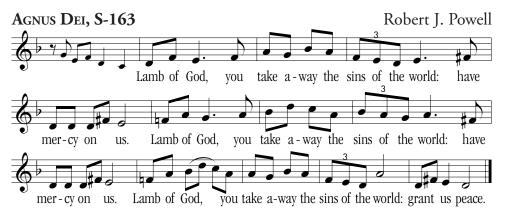
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

> Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

The People stand or kneel.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord; People The maker of heaven and earth. Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord; People From this time forth for evermore. Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon

you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.



Text: Psalms 148 and 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music for a Celebration

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" by Scott Solak
was commissioned by the Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship Fund
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