



**25th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m., November 19, 2023**



Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop
The Rev. Dr. Mary Korte, Interim Rector

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service, and nursery care is provided. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FROM *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Pastorale

Norman Warren

Introit

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name
henceforth and evermore.

--James Montgomery

The Hymnal 1982, #9 Not here for high and holy things *Morning Song*



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to

1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
 2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
 3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - ties
 4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all

1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
 2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
 3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
 4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by,
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the one Holy and undivided Trinity.

People: ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

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.***

Gloria (Hymnal S 280)

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry, 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, *
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show us your mercy.

- 3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

- 4 too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us,

so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lif Every Voice, #145 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the treble staff.

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
3. Wound - ed and wea - ry. Help me, I pray! _____
4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, with lyrics printed below the treble staff.

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____

The third system concludes the piece with the same musical notation and lyrics as the previous systems.



1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934). Music: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945).

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

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

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have

invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Erika Essiem

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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.*

Prayers of the People, Form II (Adapted)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael and Deon our Bishop; Archdeacon Harry, and Interim Rector Mary, for this gathering and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our local communities: the St. Louis metro area, her people, schools, businesses, cultural institutions and green spaces.

Pray for the life of our communities.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all the ministries of our parish; for our staff, our leaders and our volunteers.

Pray for the work of our hands.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those facing illness and daily struggles. For Etta, Julien, Sam, Maura, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Barbara, Charlene, Bruce, and for those we now name _____.

Pray that God may continue to lead them into greater health and wholeness.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially for Anwara Begum and those we now name

[_____].

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

During this time of our rector search, let us pray together:

May thy grace and love enlighten and guide us as we walk this transitional path together. Bless us with courage, wisdom, understanding, and perseverance in the face of our doubts and uncertainties. Amen.

For those discerning ordination, let us pray together:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in our divine providence you have appointed various orders in your church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant adds this concluding prayer:

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

***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.***

Absolution

The Priest alone 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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

If you would like to make a contribution, text the amount to **314 648 8344.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

Canticle 13 (Glory to You)

John Rutter

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

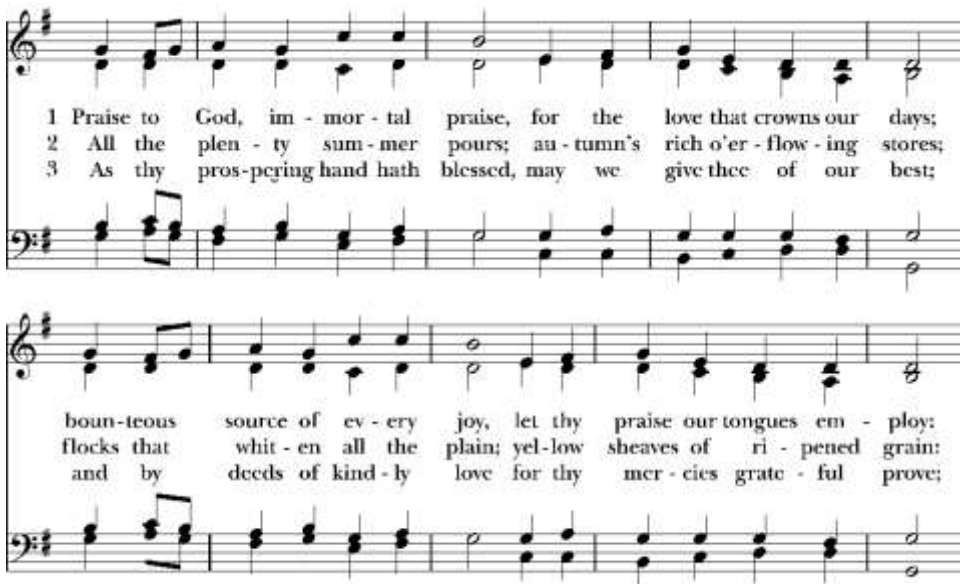
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

--Book of Common Prayer

The Hymnal 1982, #288

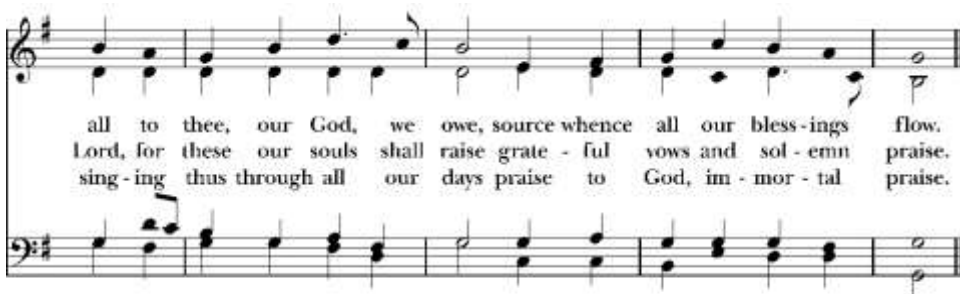
Praise to God, immortal praise

Dix



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros - pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy;
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain;
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;



all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless-ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate-ful vows and sol-enn praise.
 sing-ing thus through all our days praise to God, im-mor-tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1916.

Collect at the Ingathering

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.***

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (Hymnal S 125)

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done

for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer *contemporary*

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 forever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

Invitation and Welcome to Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Gluten-free wafers are available: please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. *If you do not receive wine* you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread. *Those unable to come to the altar rail* are asked to notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread/wafer into the chalice when receiving communion (i.e., intinction). You are welcome to receive just the bread or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you, if you are not comfortable with drinking directly from the chalice.

Communion of the People

The Hymnal 1982, #671

Amazing grace!

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. arr. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Anstin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

Postcommunion Pray

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

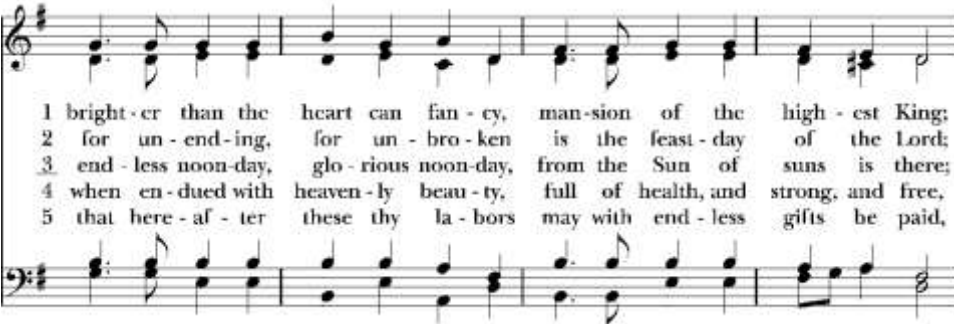
The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother broods over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

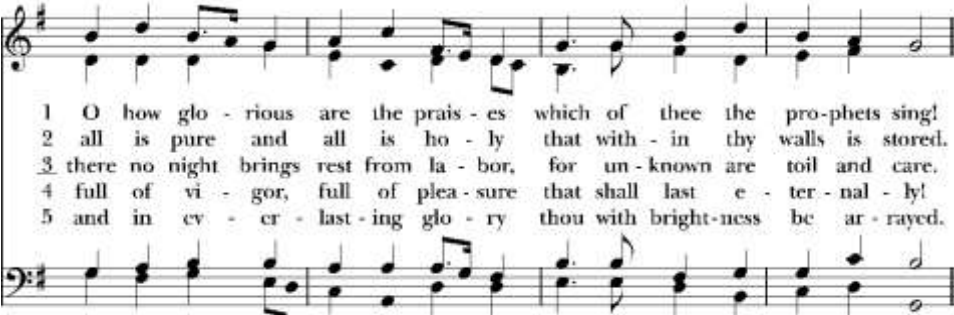
The Hymnal 1982, #621 Light's abode, celestial Salem *Rhuddlan*



1 Light's a - bode, ce - les - tial Sa - lem, vi - sion whence true peace doth spring,
2 There for ev - er and for ev - er al - le - lu - ia is out - poured;
3 There no cloud nor pass - ing va - por dims the bright - ness of the air;
*4 O how glo - rious and re - splen - dent, fra - gile bo - dy, shalt thou be,
5 Now with glad - ness, now with cour - age, bear the bur - den on thee laid,



1 bright - er than the heart can fan - cy, man - sion of the high - est King;
2 for un - end - ing, for un - bro - ken is the feast - day of the Lord;
3 end - less noon - day, glo - rious noon - day, from the Sun of suns is there;
4 when en - dued with heaven - ly beau - ty, full of health, and strong, and free,
5 that here - af - ter these thy la - bors may with end - less gifts be paid,



1 O how glo - rious are the prais - es which of thee the pro - phets sing!
2 all is pure and all is ho - ly that with - in thy walls is stored.
3 there no night brings rest from la - bor, for un - known are toil and care.
4 full of vi - gor, full of plea - sure that shall last e - ter - nal - ly!
5 and in ev - er - cr - last - ing glo - ry thou with bright - ness be ar - rayed.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Rhuddlan*, Welsh melody.

Dismissal

Postlude

Overture in B-Flat Major

Johann Georg Sachs

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken
10:30 AM Variety of Eucharist
Services with music

Weekday Service Schedule

Wednesday Eucharist at 7:00 AM

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 8-4,
Friday 8-2:30

Ramp access to our facilities is available from the parking lot on the east side of the church. Enter from the north via the alley and then make a right into the parking lot.

Pie and Prayer next Wednesday, November 22, at 6:00 pm.

Thanks to our diocesan delegates for their time and efforts at this year's annual diocesan convention: Adrienne Fly, Joyce LaFontain and Jerry Martin. Also a big thanks also to those who ran for several diocesan positions: Joyce LaFontain, Duncan McArthur, and Ted McNamara.

From the Interim Rector

Dear People of God,

In my early morning reflection, I pondered these words “Who am I that the King (Creator) of the world would give me one single thought about my broken heart?” Who am I that the God of all grace wipes the tears from my face and says, “Come as you are”?

Two weeks ago, as I was packing for the Diocesan Convention, my back responded with severe pain and non-mobility. I am grateful that I was with Tim in my St. Louis temporary home (apartment). Following emergency treatment at Barnes Jewish Hospital, I returned to Rolla to work with my primary care and pain management doctors. Along with a variety of degenerative spine and disk issues was also a pinched nerve. The short version is that healing has been frustratingly

slow. I hope to be with you next week. If not, then the doctor is talking about short term disability at least.

I am continuing to work through texts, emails, Zoom, phone, and correspondence “as able.” I greatly miss being physically present with you all.

God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble. I ask for prayers of intercession through Saint Raphael the Archangel, patron saint of healing. In Hebrew, his name literally means “God heals.”

Peace be with you,
Rev. Mary



I have previously spoken about providing support through the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for the people suffering in the current war in the Middle East. An additional way to

provide support to the hospitals and children in the Middle East is through American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

ABOUT AFEDJ

OUR MISSION

Transforming lives of the vulnerable and displaced in the Middle East through support of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities.

Thirty-five years ago, at the time of the first Intifada, Episcopal leaders saw the need for a safe, secure channel to offer support to the humanitarian institutions owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) was born. A nonpolitical, nonsectarian 501(c)(3) organization, AFEDJ is dedicated to raising financial support for schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. These institutions serve everyone, irrespective of their religion, ethnicity or ability to pay. They build hope for all in the Holy Land. The Christian values of equity, justice, and respect for the dignity of all are at the heart of our efforts.

HISTORY

In 1988, at the time of the first Intifada, the Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, and the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, saw the need for a safe, secure channel to allow Americans to support schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in the Holy Land. American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem was born.

In 2005, a merger with Evangelical Homes for Children created a stronger but still volunteer-led organization. In 2008, the AFEDJ board hired its first professional staff which allowed AFEDJ to increase its reach and build awareness of the humanitarian needs faced by Palestinians and other vulnerable and displaced people in East Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon.

More than 30 years later our partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem's bishop, the Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, members of diocesan staff, and leaders at humanitarian institutions across four countries remains strong as we deepen relationships and reach more committed, generous, compassionate supporters across the United States.

The link for additional information or a link to provide support is:
<https://afedj.org/about/overview/>

Be safe and be well.

Peace,
Rev. Mary



Stewardship and Generosity Update

We want to thank Denver Wright and Joyce LaFontain for sharing their inspirations on stewardship and pledging .

There have been 35 pledges returned for a total of \$127,091. Our goal is a pledge income of \$320,000. (Last year was \$312,876) . This amount would provide a budget to cover our expenses and move the church forward to provide opportunities to expand programs and add staff. We will also need funds for onboarding a new clergy person (moving expenses).

This Sunday at both services we will have our annual ritual of ingathering or gathering up all the pledge cards. Our church school students will participate in the offering and bring the cards to the altar for the blessing. If you have already pledged (thank you very much) your cards will be on the offering plate. For those who have not pledged, this is a good opportunity to pledge. There are pledge cards in the pew (and a link to pledge online in the Etimes).

After the 10:30 service we will have an expanded coffee hour sponsored by Stewardship and the church school.

The tradition of the ingathering is from the Hebrew, Feast of the Tabernacle. This celebration occurred in the fall of the year to observe the end of the harvest and the gathering of the grapes. The first Thanksgiving in the new world was also an ingathering. In modern times, the Episcopal Church Women formed the United Thanks Offering in 1889. The first campaign raised money to build a church in Alaska. The Church now celebrates Ingathering Sunday as part of the annual stewardship campaign. Giving in small ways teaches us to give in larger ways.

- Stewardship and Generosity Committee

A couple of weeks ago, our weekday sexton, Karen Jackson, discovered

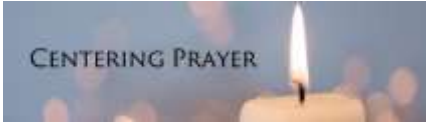
the remnants of a fire at the bottom of the stairs near the NPH door exit that left a burn mark on the concrete, but no other damage, though the ashes and burnt cardboard boxes had to be cleaned up. Jim Whyte of the Neighborhood Security Initiative said he would review the camera footage to try to find out if they can identify who built it, however, that was not successful. The bottom line is no one was hurt, but please be alert and notify someone if you see anything suspicious.

From the Junior Warden



The exterior lights have been upgraded and repaired to provide better lighting, including the lanterns out front that adorn the red front door. In addition, the lights for the Memorial Garden have been fixed and now the gray granite wall with the names of our loved ones is visible and well lit. Thanks to Jerry Martin for his consultation on this project.

In early December the sidewalk along both Euclid and Washington streets will be repaired by STL Polyjack. This a temporary fix until the city approves and helps pay the cost of the replacement of sidewalk slabs due to the tree roots causing damage. Trinity is on a wait list of approximately 3-5 years.



Dear Trinitarians,

The Centering Prayer group will be meeting this Thursday November 16 at 1PM and then

will be taking a Holiday Break.

We will resume our regular schedule on Thursday January 4 at 1PM.

If you are interested in discovering the benefits of Centering Prayer for yourself, please join us in January.

Peace,
Robin Morgan
robinjmorgan@hotmail.com

The Discernment Team has begun to complete the Office of Transitional Ministry Narrative Questions, a list of 12 questions all Episcopal Churches



searching for a rector must answer. The answers to these questions will be publicly posted in the Episcopal Church's online database for all prospective candidates to view before applying. We'd like to invite the congregation to join us in this process by reflecting on the following OTM question, How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community? Please reflect on this question and share any thoughts you have with a member of the Discernment Team.



FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Tuesday, November 21st, the students at Old Bonhomme Elementary School will have their annual Giving Assembly. Trinity's Food Ministry has been the lucky beneficiary of their generosity for over 20 years. As many of you know, at 11:30 that morning the 5th

graders and a truckload of food will arrive at Trinity to be unloaded, sorted and put

away. The kids are always so proud and excited to see what their school has accomplished - Last year we received over 2,200 items of food! It takes many of you to make this happen; it's always fun and puts you in a great Thanksgiving mood. Please contact Adrienne if you can help between 11 and 2 - adriennefly@me.com (mailto:adriennefly@me.com) call/text 314-805-8254. Thanks!!

I find myself continually surprised at the passing of time as the cycles seem to cycle ever more quickly. Suddenly, it is the week before Thanksgiving. Suddenly, Advent is near.

Suddenly, it will be the new year and the days will be growing longer ever so slightly, even as people may die in a frigid winter. It may seem difficult for us to “live in the moment” with this warp speed thing.



Living in the moment to most of us means trying to enjoy each moment, slow down and smell the roses. It means paying attention now because later may not be a thing at all. Our concern is that we live with no regrets.

Living in the moment for those who live in poverty or in extreme poverty (homelessness IS extreme poverty) means that each now is a struggle for survival.

This work is what the retired Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston calls “the field of struggle” trying to share the “good medicine” of healing love – because life in a world of poverty is a constant field of struggle. Need is based upon any immediacy. Some may go 24 hours or more without food. They may be in danger of their core body temperature falling too low (unhoused or underhoused). They may have had no more than 2 hours of sleep in any period. Many have experienced trauma beyond our understanding. They may know that they are only minutes away from that dope sickness that burns their bones and makes them wish they were dead. Their needs are immediate, their only moment is NOW.

And then there are those who are housed and still, theirs is a struggle to survive. Generational poverty, unjust legal system, low paying jobs with no paid time off, slumlords, ... the list goes on.

They live within a care-less system that blames them for their lack and demands they set aside their pride to seek charity to survive. And we pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

Maybe it is my recovery from COVID, or maybe it is what we like to call “the unrest in the world” (pick an atrocity [the real word], because there are many from which to choose), but I find myself scornfully mourning our ability to see beyond our own privileged moment in time. We live in a meme world. We cannot even begin to imagine. Worse, we do not want to imagine. Because if we could or if we did, we would see there is a great need for change. If we used our imagination, we might see that we have an opportunity to explore our own complicity in the struggle for some to survive. And we might decide to actually do something that will affect the cause of the unrest rather than simply witness the effect of it.

Starting my Advent early,
Love always,
Barbi

TFM Schedule for the Week of Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to all. I do give thanks for all the volunteers and mutual ministry partners that allow this work to go forward. I give great thanks to those who set aside their pride, who place their trust in our steadfastness, and who share with us their love and their gratitude.

Pantry is closed next week but the work of TFM goes on!

Sunday, November 19 – Holy Communion is the host for Sunday Hot Lunch, Jeanie Bryant is the Innkeeper. Come and see – would you like to explore the world of Innkeeping? Jeanie Bryant is a great mentor!

Tuesday, November 21 – Annual Ingathering from Old Bonhomme School. Contact Adrienne Fly if you would like to help. Pantry will be closed but a meal will be available.

Wednesday Café, November 22 – Light lunch and Great Conversations

Thursday, November 23 – The Third Annual (with a two year hiatus) Thanksgiving Day Gratitude Meal – come one, come all. Come join our TFM community in giving thanks for the abundance that comes from God. Please bring a canned meat or Peanut Butter for the Pantry!

Also – we still need servers for the Thanksgiving meal!

Remember – Sunday, November 26, is Trinity’s Sunday Hot Lunch. Come and see the life of Trinity Food Ministry. It is rather amazing.



Trinity Thanksgiving Meal Updates

First, thank you for all the pies! You all have ordered dozens of pies, which will make a delightful contribution to the feast.

(If you ordered pies, they will be available for pickup at Trinity this Saturday from 11-4 and Sunday from 9:30-1.)

Second, groceries: If you can donate by noon tomorrow, Thursday Nov. 16, we still need:

- Cream of mushroom soup
- Canned creamed corn
- Canned chopped mild green chilies
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Fried onions
- Low-sodium chicken stock
- Elbow macaroni
- Sparkling cider
- Unsalted butter

The next meeting of the Book Club

will be on Saturday, December 9th, in the North Parish Hall. The potluck dinner starts at 6pm, and discussion of the books

begins at 7pm. We will discuss *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Wikipedia summarizes: The book focuses on Noah’s childhood growing up in South Africa after he was born of an illegal interracial relationship during the apartheid era. The book was a bestseller.





Film and Fellowship

As we close out 2023 and look forward to 2024, Film and Fellowship will meet on December 12th in the North Parish Hall. At 6:30 we meet to share a meal which is followed by discussion at 7:00. The films recommended for discussion include “Napoleon” directed by Ridley Scott and starring Joaquin Phoenix and Vanessa Kirby, and “The Killer” directed by David Fincher and starring Michael Fassbender. At this time “Napoleon” can be seen in theaters. “The Killer” can be seen on Netflix as well as in theaters.

Other films recommended for viewing (but not scheduled for discussion at this time) include “Maestro” and “The Holdovers.”

Everyone is welcome to join us for a shared meal and/or discussion of the films. If you have any questions please contact ron.tompkins@nursesfornewborns.org

Did you know?

Last year the Trinity Food Ministry served over 3,000 people during our weekday pantry (including 3,500 hot meals). Also, through Trinity's Sunday Hot Lunch ministry, over 4,800 hot meals were served to our neighbors.



Diocesan News

Highlights from this year's Diocesan Convention

From the Bishop's address to ministry videos... election results to adopted resolutions... and don't forget about all the pictures... be sure to check out the highlights from this year's big event.
<https://www.diocesemo.org/2023-convention/>

Public Advocacy: Supporting Missouri Jobs with Justice

The Rev. Dr. Teresa Mithen Danieleley invites the Diocese to promote issues of equality by attending and/or supporting several upcoming events:
<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/public-advocacy-supporting-missouri-jobs-with-justice/>

Want to learn more about our bishop and the diocese? Want to learn about all our events from downtown to Columbia, from Kirksville to Poplar Bluff? Join the diocesan mailing list to receive the weekly iSeek news email.

For more information and to subscribe: <https://www.diocesemo.org/diocesan-mailing-lists/>



This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

Diocese of Missouri: In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Leslie, our Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Ministry Engagement. We recognize and acknowledge that we worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples.



In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mission Santa Cecilia (Misión Santa Cecilia) in Guánica, and Rosaina, their Vicar.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Sam Kincade
Maura Salsich
Joan Dunbar
Kevin Whalen
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way

Ray Becvar
Denver Wright
Gwen Sims
Barbara Bradshaw
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Thomas and Taylor Griswold and baby Thomas Ray Griswold, friends of Rev. Mary.

John F., friend of Nan Sweet

Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather

M'Evie Mead, friend of Jeff Wunrow

Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls.

Robbie Rhodes, Carter Whitson's cousin on the kidney transplant waiting list

Linda Dickens, Carter Whitson's friend with breast cancer

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Romeric Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.

Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law

Jim Whalen, Kevin Whalen's father in hospice

Family and friends of Brooke Leaton.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Dorothy and James Gray, sister and brother-in-law of Willie Meadows, grieving death of their son.

Ulric Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, heart trouble

Mary Seager

The Rev. Ken Yerkes, friend of Brian Alms

Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia

Ken Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, renal failure

The Trimble Family

Mary Feldmeier (friend of Anne H. & Jeanette Swallow), cancer recurrence

Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer

Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister

Robin Hendry, Helen Hendry's son, continuing health problems

Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems

Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

Diocesan Clergy: The Revs. David K. Fly, Paula Hartsfield.

Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

Birthdays November 19-25: Joan Gregory, Jesse Todd, Gracie Lee White, Jenny Elliott, Ida McCall.

Departed: Ed Bartlett, Marvin Ratzlaff.

Bereavement: Sharron Underwood, Ted McNamara, Ellie Chapman, Jim Andris, Nan Sweet.

Mission Statement

Trinity is a progressive Episcopal church:
Our commitment to the radical gospel of Christ
calls us to worship God, welcome the seeker,
sustain the faithful, and serve those in need.

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Readings for Sunday, Nov. 26 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

or

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

Vestry

Senior Warden: Joyce LaFontain

Junior Warden: Lisa Will-Smith

2024

Joyce LaFontain
Abby Thacker
Barbara Uhlemann
Lisa Will-Smith
Adrienne Fly

2025

Amy Barnes
Mary Moore
Hal Morgan

2026

Bill von Glahn