



HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. Darwin L. Price

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Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

Prelude

Deck Thyself, Thy Soul with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

Processional

Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus

#561 Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gathering of the People

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis

#S280, Canticle 20 Hymnal 1982

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Zephaniah ¹

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with
lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against
the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the
earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90² *Domine, refugium*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

¹ Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

² Psalm 90 1:12

- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians³

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Come, Labor On

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew⁴**
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Donna Foughty

Silence

⁴ Matthew 25:14-30

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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People -- Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. For your Church, including Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Carol, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for The Church of the Province of Myanmar; the Anglican Church hospitals in Israel and Palestine; and for the Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery including Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church of North Easton, St. Thomas' Church of Taunton, and Trinity Church of Wrentham,

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, our Congress, and leaders of all nations, and for a speedy resolution to the ongoing war in the Middle East.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for the comfort and healing of Mike Andolina, Doreen Arsenault, George Arsenault, the Axner family – Bob, Judy, and Chris, Meredith Coffey, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Pat Hart, Meredith Hatchard, Terry Hill, Bradley Jugler, Julie Kraft, Bob Lawton, Jack and Jill McLaughlin, Sheila Moss-White, the Nickerson family, Rick Strawn, Nancy Truesdale, Ellen Veinotte, Jeffrey Wade, Patti Watson, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and for all prisoners and refugees.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Gina Barrows, and including all those who have died in war and through violence, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son Jesus Christ at his coming in glorious majesty; our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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.**

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 MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Birthday and anniversary prayers

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

All things come from you O Lord
and of your own have we given you.

God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.

The Holy Communion -- Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional

Go Preach My Gospel

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1 "Go preach my gospel," saith the Lord,
"Bid the whole earth my grace receive,
Explain to them my sacred word,
Bid them believe, obey, and live."

3 "Go heal the sick, go raise the dead,
Go cast out devils in my name.
Nor let my prophets be afraid,
Though man reproach, and will blaspheme."

2 "I'll make my great commission known,
And ye shall prove my gospel true
By all the works that I have done,
And all the wonders ye shall do."

4 "While thus ye follow my commands,
I'm with you till the world shall end.
All pow'r in trusted in my hands;
I can destroy, and can defend."

5 He spake and light shone round His head,
On a bright cloud to heav'n He rode.
They to the farthest nation spread
The grace of their ascended God.

Dismissal

Departure Music

Prelude in C-sharp Major

J. S. Bach

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We are grateful to organist Matthew Wiencke for enhancing our service this morning.  
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Those serving in today's service

Lisa DeLong, reader; Jean Bertrand, greeter & usher
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild Servers
Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Meg Pappas, coffee host
Jean Bertrand, flower delivery

For November 26:

*Bill Lutz, reader; Sidney Coursen, greeter; Lisa DeLong, usher
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Anyone interested in discussing the annual distribution of our outreach funds to charitable organizations, please find Jennifer Lutz and/or Karen Butler after services.

News & Noteworthy

- Choir Rehearsal – Tuesday, 11/21, 5:00pm
- Office closed for Thanksgiving – Thursday & Friday, 11/23-24
- Book Lovers' Gathering -- every Tue., noon
- Contemplative prayer with Taizé music -- every Thu., 5:00pm

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop -- We are in need of **women's winter clothing**. Drop off times: Tuesdays 9-11:30am or when shop is open (Friday and Saturdays 11am-3pm). It's time to start **decorating for Christmas** -- stop by and check out all the wonderful decorations we have!

Advent Meditations -- Would You Share Some of Yours? Every year I am asked about Advent meditations. I have books of them, but I thought that we could try something different this year. As we begin to move into this season of preparation for Our Lord's birth, let us share our thoughts, prayers, even ideas on how to celebrate - new and old. It just needs to be a line or two, more if you like. Unless you have a specific day in mind, I will gather all sent or brought to me and create our own book of Advent meditations, thoughts, and prayers. You can be anonymous if you like, but we can also proudly print the authors' names.

What a wonderful gift this will be to all of us - a snapshot of where we were in Advent 2023. I look forward to seeing all your contributions. Please email them to me at revmom87@outlook.com with the subject "Meditations". I will need contributions no later than November 28 to get it all together.

In the Community

The VNA Hospice Office is in great need of volunteers to visit the homes of patients. Hospice volunteers often act as companions to hospice patients or sit with patients while family members take a much-needed break. To learn more, please contact Lisa Barriere: 508-957-7729, labarriere@capecodhealth.org.