

# The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

October 25, 2026, 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

### Opening Voluntary

#### Introit:

*Lætétur cor*

*Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD: seek the LORD and his strength: Seek his face evermore.  
O give thanks unto the LORD, and call upon his name: tell the people what things he hath done. Glory be...*

*[Standing.]*

#### Processional Hymn

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

Hymnal 423

### Opening Salutation

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

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

### 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 in Excelsis**

[Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pews.]

*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.*

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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[Seated.]  
**The First Lesson**    Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

People:    Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm 1**    *Beatus vir qui non abiit*



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the 'counsel of the 'wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor 'sat in the 'seats of the 'scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the 'law of the 'LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his 'läw 'day and 'night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that 'do not 'wither; \*  
— 'everything they 'do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not 'so with the 'wicked; \*  
they are like 'chaff which the 'wind blows a 'way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when 'judgment 'comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the 'council 'of the 'righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the 'way of the 'righteous, \*  
but the 'way of the 'wicked is 'doomed.

*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.

**Fraction Anthem:** *Agnus Dei* [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew]

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

**Communion Verse:** *WE will rejoice in thy salvation:* (Choir)  
*and triumph in the name of the LORD our God.*

**Communion Hymn** “Where cross the crowded ways of life” Hymnal 609

**The Post-communion Prayer** [Kneel as able.] BCP 365-6

Celebrant: Let us pray.  
*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**

**Closing Hymn** “O God, our help in ages past” Hymnal 680

**The Dismissal** BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Concluding Voluntary**

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

**The Epistle** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Sequence Hymn** “What does the Lord require” Hymnal 605



**Verse:** *Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: Praise thy God, O Syon. (choir)*

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew** 22:34-46

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet””?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** [Seated.]  
**The Nicene Creed** [Stand as able.]

Dr. Victor Matthews  
Prayer Book 358

## Prayer Book 385

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*People: And also with you.*

## The Offertory

**Anthem:** *A New Commandment* Thomas Tallis

**Hymn:** “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name” Hymnal 450

**The Eucharistic Prayer** (Prayer A) Prayer Book 361

**People:** *And also with you.*

**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus:** Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words, the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

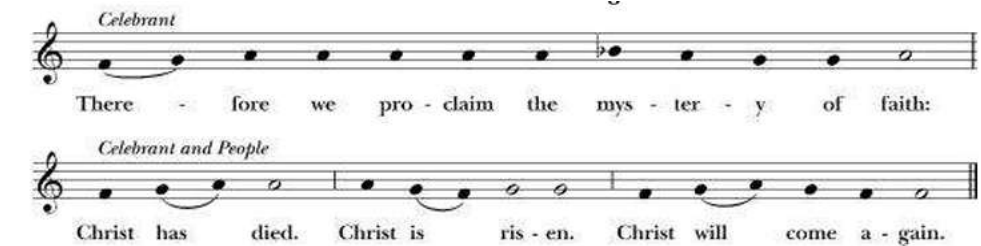
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it do this for the remembrance of me."

**Memorial Acclamation**      Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*



*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

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

**The Lord's Prayer** [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Hymnal S119.]

*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.*