

The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

## Holy Communion

November 8, 2020~10:30 a.m.  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

*Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit. At the † you are encouraged to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.*

### We Come to God

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

*Please stand.*

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

#### Confession of Sin

*Kneeling or standing.*

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

**People We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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.

**People Amen.**

*Please stand.*

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
 How great thou art! How great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul my Savior God, to thee,  
 How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
 He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People And also with you.**

*You may remain standing as you are able.*

### Venite (from Psalm 95)

Organ and cantor

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God,  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come let us bow down, and bend the knee  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture  
 and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!

Celebrant Let us pray.

### Collect

*The celebrant prays the collect.*

**People Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

*Please be seated.*

## First lesson

Genesis 43:1-10, 28-31

*The lector reads the lesson.*

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 70

<sup>1</sup>**Be pleased, O God, to deliver me!\***  
O Lord, make haste to help me!

<sup>2</sup>**Let them be put to shame and confusion**  
**who seek my life!\***  
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire my hurt!

<sup>3</sup>**Let them be appalled because of their shame\***  
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

<sup>4</sup>**May all who seek thee**  
**rejoice and be glad in thee!\***  
May those who love thy salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"

<sup>5</sup>**But I am poor and needy;\***  
hasten to me, O God!

<sup>6</sup>**Thou art my help and my deliverer;\***  
O Lord, do not tarry!

**Together    Glory to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now  
and will be forever. Amen.**

## Second lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*The lector reads the lesson.*

Lector      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel verse

Organ and cantor

Alleluia. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel announcement (spoken)

Celebrant    The Holy Gospel ...

People:      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

*The Celebrant reads the Gospel.*

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
 People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

“A Strange Reunion”

Fr. Tom Reeves

*Please stand.*

## 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*You may kneel, sit or stand. The prayers may take a variety of forms.*

Celebrant Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
 People **That we all may be one.**

Celebrant Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;  
 People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Celebrant We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
 People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Celebrant We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
 People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Celebrant Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
 People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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Celebrant Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Celebrant We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Celebrant Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

**We Share the Peace**

*Please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please do not leave your location in the sanctuary, but all are welcomed to turn toward your other brothers and sisters near by and share the peace by word and gesture.*

**We Share the Meal of Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*Please be seated. Please pause here as you offer your financial contributions in spirit to the Lord as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. An offering plate is stationed in the narthex. Otherwise, please send all monetary offerings to the church via mail or by hand delivery during the office hours of 9am-noon Wed-Friday at the church office (Please call ahead). We are so thankful for the faithfulness of our Lord in how he provides for us and for the generosity and commitment of his people to His church.*

**Song**

“Father in heaven, how we love you”

Solo

Father in heaven, how we love you,  
we lift your name in all the earth.  
May your kingdom be established in our praises  
as you people declare your mighty works.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.  
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,  
who reigns for evermore.

Words and music: Bob Fitts

*Please stand.*

**At the Presentation**

*There will not be a presentation of the Gifts as they are already located on the altar*

**Doxology**

Organ and cantor

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The celebrant gives thanks for and blesses the offering.*

**People Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please remain standing.*

## Sursum Corda (spoken)

Green book, page 88

Celebrant 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 Him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Organ and cantor

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

† Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*You may kneel, sit or stand.*

Celebrant 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

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

Celebrant Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant 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. † Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter and St. Paul and all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; join our prayers with theirs, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Together Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

Amen

Organ and cantor

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**Together 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 bread for distribution.*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Organ and cantor

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated.*

*As a baptized Christian, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized or for any reason do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. To receive Communion (or a blessing), follow the directions of the ushers. Each individual or family receives standing at the altar. Please hesitate at the mark in front of the altar area until the celebrant welcomes you to come to the altar. After you receive, you are free to directly leave the sanctuary. **“Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!”***

