

# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*The Reverend Philip Snyder, presiding*

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## The People Gather (please keep a rule of silence)

**Processional Hymn**

*"O God our help in ages past"*

**Hymn 680**

**Salutation and Response**

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

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

**Collect for Purity (Celebrant)**

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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 (sung in unison)**

**Hymn S-280**

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 for the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Word of God (be seated for the readings)

**The Old Testament Reading**

**Amos 5:6-7,10-15**

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 90:12-17** (said responsively)

- So teach us to number our days \* **that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**
- Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \* **be gracious to your servants.**
- Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \* **so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
- Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \* **and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
- Show your servants your works \* **and your splendor to their children.**
- May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \* **prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

**The Epistle**

**Hebrews 4:12-16**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn**

*"O for a closer walk with God"*

**Hymn 683, st. 1-2**

**The Holy Gospel** (standing)

**Mark 10:17-31**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

**Sermon**

*The Reverend Philip Snyder*

**The Nicene Creed** (in unison, standing)

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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** (respond after each petition)

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Parish Intercessions** (Celebrant)

**The Prayer of St. Francis** (in unison)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Confession** (kneeling, in unison)

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Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**The Absolution** (Celebrant)

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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 Exchange of the Peace** (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Announcements** (be seated)

**Offertory Hymn**     *"Thy Kingdom come on bended knee"*

**Hymn 615**

**Reception of Gifts** (sung in unison)

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

## Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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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**

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (sung in unison)

Hymn S-129 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

**Prayer of Consecration A** (kneeling, and concluding with **AMEN**)

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**Memorial Acclamation** (in unison)

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (traditional words)

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**Angus Dei** (sung in unison)

Hymn S-163

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 peace.

## The Administration of Holy Communion

*THE HOLY TABLE around which we gather is the Lord's, not our own. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (in unison)

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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** (Celebrant)

**Recessional Hymn:**      *“O Jesus, I have promised”*

**Hymn 655**

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**