

HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

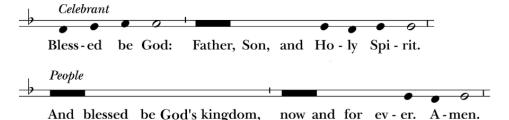
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 10:00 A.M.

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

H82 #436

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

May God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon:

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,

and she is easily discerned by those who love her,

and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,

for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; * O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *

because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; * let those who love your salvation say for ever,

"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; * come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *

O LORD, do not tarry.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesus came, adored by angels

H82 #454

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

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

Form V, alt.

Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "God, graciously hear us."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. *Silence*

Leader God, hear us.

People God, graciously hear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Carol our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who follow God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For St. Mark's Church, Foxborough, St. John's Church, Franklin, and all Deputies to Provincial Synod. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may spread your reconciling love to the ends of the earth. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those who walk different paths of faith, that we may work with them toward the peaceful world you envision. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those in positions of public trust: Joeseph our president, Maura our Governor, and Michelle our mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For this congregation, that delivered from hardness of heart, we may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you. We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

(The people may add their own thanksgivings.)

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended. Silence

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives. *Silence* God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; and for those who are alone; that they may live in joy, peace, and health. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those for whom our prayers have been asked: especially Donald, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Michael Curry, and those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in faith, especially those we now name silently or aloud [pause], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Silence

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God. Silence

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours, O God, is the majesty, yours is the power and glory, for in that love that gave itself for us, you remain present to us, you accept us, and you send all faithful people out to claim the world in your name.

People As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, world without end. Amen.

THE PEACE

People

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Please stand as you are able. H82 #324

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

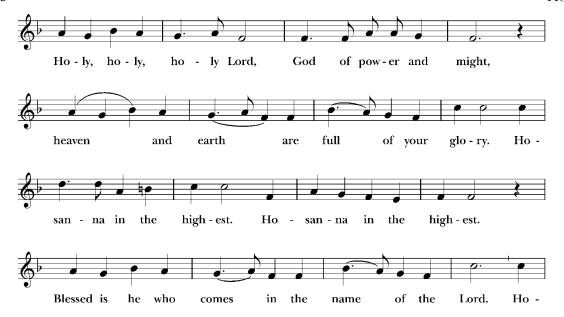
CelebrantGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 H82 #S125





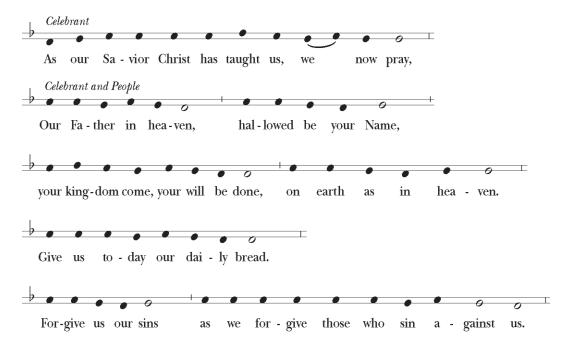
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and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

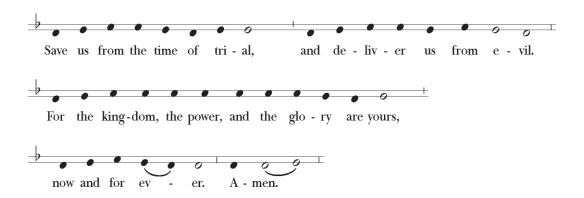
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER
H82 #S148





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem H82 #S164





Priest

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.

May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,

And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sustains, be upon you and surround all you love with blessing and peace. **Amen**

HYMN Rejoice! rejoice, believers H82 #68

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you joined us today and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome here in our pews and in all the things we do together as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Bridge Priest, the Rev. Jonathan Eden at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or 617.798.0700 for more information.

We meet every Sunday for worship at 10:00 A.M. and you can also learn more about who we are and what we do together through our Web and Social Media pages:

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SERVING TODAY

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19, 10:00 AM

Ingathering Sunday

As a community, we will gather and celebrate our stewardship pledges for the coming year.

