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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 19, 2023 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE

Intermezzo in F Major

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Please stand for the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Not here for high and holy things

The Hymnal 1982 #9



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929)

Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

All remain standing to sing the

GLORIA

The Hymnal 1982 #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All remain standing for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Judges 4:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

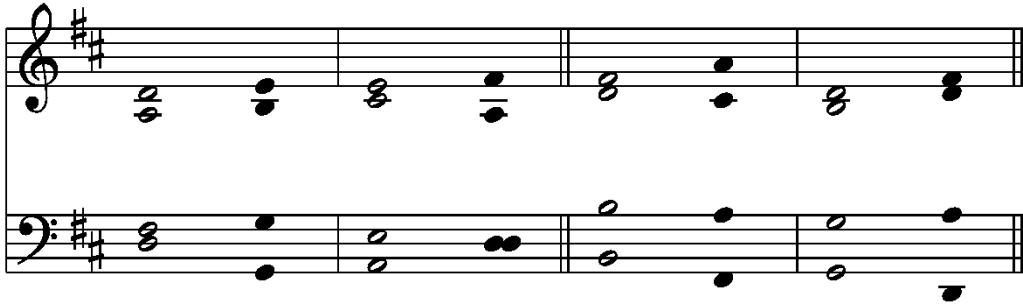
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 123

Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse.



- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- ³ So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- ⁴ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt, [*2nd half of chant*]
- ⁵ Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

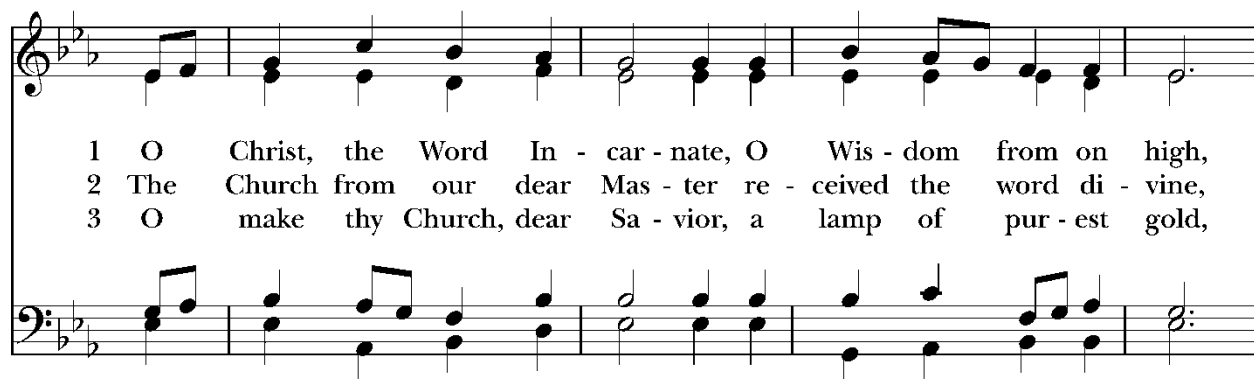
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel procession.

GRADUAL HYMN O Christ, the Word Incarnate

The Hymnal 1982 #632

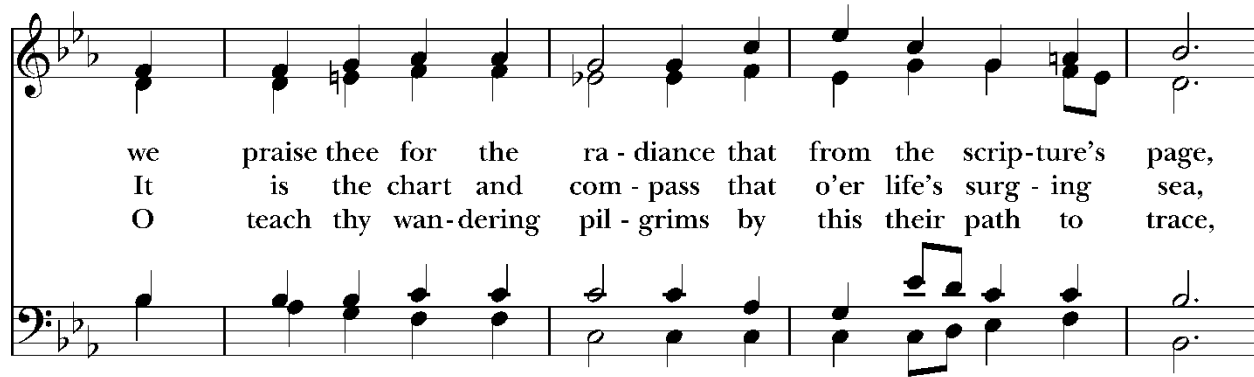
Verses 1-2 sung before the Gospel reading, verse 3 sung after the Gospel reading.



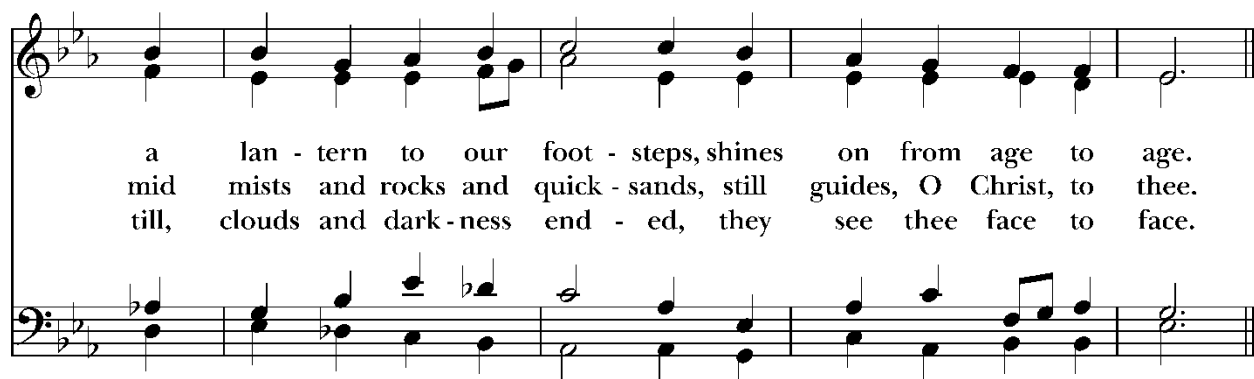
1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diancy that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.

Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **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.’”

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

Be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

All stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to “Hear us in our prayer, O Lord,” is “And let our trust be in you.” Please add your own prayers during any of the silences.

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please stand or kneel for the confession.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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 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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Serve bone*

Tommaso Bai (1636-1714)

*Serve bone et fidelis;
quia in pauca fuisti,
supra multa te constituam;
intra in gaudium Domini Dei tui.*

Well done, good and faithful servant;
because thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will place thee over many things;
enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Matthew 25:21

All stand to sing this hymn while the ushers present the people's offerings

PRESENTATION HYMN From all that dwell below the skies

The Hymnal 1982 #380, v. 3

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise". The second system continues the lyrics: "him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye". The third system concludes the lyrics: "heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a final cadence at the end of the third system.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1561?)

Please remain standing as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Expansive Language

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 *(Sung together)*

The Hymnal 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line.

Setting: Robert Powell (b.1932)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues,

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

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

The celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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 consecrated bread is broken. After a period of silence, all sing the

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 #S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler located near the lectern at the front of the nave for those who would like prayer.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine at the high altar or the station near the pulpit. (Alcohol-free wine is available at this station.) Return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free host is available.

COMMUNION HYMN Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

The Hymnal 1982 #318



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: Nyack, Warren Swenson (b.1937)

COMMUNION ANTHEM Ave verum

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Ave verum corpus
 natum de Maria Virgine,
 vere passum immolatum
 in cruce pro homine.
 Cujus latus perforatum
 unda fluxit et sanguine;
 esto nobis praegustatum
 in mortis examine.*

Hail true body
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 who having truly suffered
 was sacrificed on the cross for man.
 From whose pierced side
 flowed water and blood;
 be for us a foretaste
 in the test of death.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity be upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

The Hymnal 1982 #617

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong, Lord,
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,
of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;
guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free;
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.

Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Monolog and Fugue in C Major

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Thank you for joining us for worship. Join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hadley Hall.

The altar flowers are given by David Craig in memory of Helen Hertig Craig,
 and by Priscilla Burns in memory of Mary Anna Krause.

TODAY

FAITH FORUM: EPIPHANY AUTHOR SERIES BEGINS TODAY AT 11:30AM

All are invited to the 11:30 am hour in Hadley Hall on November 19 and 26 and on December 3 as we hear from published authors within our Epiphany parish. Join us on November 19 for a conversation with E.B. Bartels (*Good Grief: On Loving Pets, Here and Hereafter*); on November 26, with Liz Kinchen (*Light in Bandaged Places*); and on December 3, with Julie Dalton (*The Last Beekeeper*).

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE MEETING: TODAY AT 11:30AM

Today from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, please join us in the Upper Parish Hall for our next Journey to Justice (J2J) meeting where we will further discuss differences between charity and justice and map out what we have been involved in as a parish. All are welcome! For more information, contact Betsy Walsh at betsygwalth@gmail.com or Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

YOUTH COOK DAY WITH SHIR TIKVAH: THIS AFTERNOON AT 2PM

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited today from 2:00 – 4:00 pm to join with the youth from Temple Shir Tikvah in the Epiphany kitchen. We will be cooking for The Dwelling Place, a soup kitchen in Woburn. This is an excellent opportunity to help provide food for our neighbors! Please RSVP to Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

WINTER CLOTHING FOR ST. LUKE'S

Our Journey to Justice (J2J) team is collecting new and gently used warm clothing and coats/ hats/ gloves/ boots (please no rips or stains) for children, teens, and adults for St. Luke's Church in Chelsea. Please leave donations in the boxes found in the narthex (entrance to church) and in Hadley Hall.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 LAY LEADERSHIP: SAY "YES" TO GOD



In the fall of each calendar year, we open the nomination process to discern who will join Epiphany's lay leadership, which takes many forms. Between now and Thanksgiving, you can nominate yourself or someone else by scanning the QR code or by using the ballots and ballot box at the back of the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH FAITH CIRCLE: NOVEMBER 22

Our next Youth Faith Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, November 22 from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. The Youth Faith Circle is a small group opportunity for youth in grades 6-12 to gather for a meal and time to be together. Please contact Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org for more details.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS: NOVEMBER 29

On Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm, all are welcome for a program on caring for caregivers, led by Bethany Myers, MDiv, MSW, LICSW. The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for caregivers, with family responsibilities sometimes conflicting with the needs of elderly parents or those with special needs. If you would like to learn more specifically about how you can help the caregivers in your life, please come to this session.

2023 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC



Every year, the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias and greens in memory of loved ones or in gratitude for blessings received. To dedicate a poinsettia, please scan the QR code or complete the form found at the back of the church. Submissions must be received by Sunday, December 10 so that your dedication may be included in the Christmas bulletins.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING: DECEMBER 3



On Sunday, December 3 at 11:30 am in Hadley Hall, celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with a special time of wreath-making! We will provide greenery, candles, and a wreath frame if you do not already have one. All are welcome! A \$15 suggested donation for materials can be made by scanning the QR code.

WORD & TABLE: DECEMBER 3

Our next Word & Table service will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 pm in Hadley Hall. Offered on the first Sunday of each month, Word & Table is a casual, creative service based on our familiar Episcopal liturgy.

SIGN-UPS OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our Christmas pageant will be on Christmas Eve during the 4:00 pm worship service. All children are welcome to take part! We hold rehearsals at 11:15 am on Sundays in December. Scan the QR code to sign your child up for a speaking role or an ensemble role. See 3 Crowns for adult volunteer opportunities. Contact Bryn at bhollenbeck@3crowns.org for more information.

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: DECEMBER 10

All are welcome on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm for Epiphany's annual Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. A holiday favorite, this service of scripture and music centers on the mystery of the Incarnation. Sung by the Choristers, Parish Choir, and guests. A festive reception will follow in Hadley Hall.

ADVENT RETREAT ON INTIMACY WITH GOD: DECEMBER 16



On Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, all are invited to our annual Advent Retreat at Parish of the Epiphany. Join Br. David Vryhof, SSJE, a brother of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, for a retreat day on intimacy with God. How do we come to love God more intimately so that we may better serve God in the world? Scan the QR code to sign up.

STRENGTH FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A PRESENTATION ON LOSS AND RESILIENCE

On Tuesday, December 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Hadley Hall, we invite you to Strength for the Holidays: A Presentation on Loss and Resilience, led by Rev. Bob Davidson, Epiphany's Assisting Priest and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Hospice Chaplain. During a time of festive holiday celebrations, many struggle with the absence of loved ones. All are welcome to learn more about coping tools and ways to be present to loss and memories of happier times. Please contact Rev. Davidson at frbobdav@msn.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT EPIPHANY

Celebrate our Savior's birth with Christmas worship at Parish of the Epiphany! On Sunday, December 24, we will mark the Fourth Sunday of Advent with a spoken Rite I Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am. Our Christmas Eve worship on December 24 will include three services: a family service with our children's pageant at 4:00 pm, as well as Choral Eucharists at 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. (Please note that the 10:00 pm service will include incense.) On Monday, December 25, join us at 10:00 am for a Choral Eucharist on Christmas Day.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Parish of the Epiphany joyfully welcomes children and the energy, sound, and movement they bring. Please visit our website, 3crowns.org, for more information about our children and youth programs. This Sunday our nursery is available for drop-off care during the service, for infants and toddlers through 3 years old. (Exit the sanctuary through the front right door and you will find the nursery). Church School for those in preschool through 5th grade begins at 10:00 am in the Chapel and Upper Parish Hall (ask any usher for help finding the right class — visitors are welcome!). Worship Bags, full of quiet activities to help children worship, are available in the back of the church. We offer special family-oriented evening worship services; intergenerational gatherings on Wednesday evenings called Midweek @ Epiphany; Choristers for grades 2-8; and youth groups and service opportunities for those in 6th grade and above. Visitors are always welcome at all of our programs. Join us!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Nick Myers, *Celebrant and Preacher* ✨ The Reverend Janelle Hiroshige, *Assisting*
Jeremy Bruns, *Director of Music and Organist* ✨ The Parish Choir
Marty Mauzy, *Verger* ✨ Liam Cumming, *Crucifer* ✨ Elise Noble, *Acolyte*
Marie Johnson and Vincent Dixon, *Lectors* ✨ Fred Rowland, *Healing Prayer Partner*
Liz Kinchen, Bill Brickman, and Jared Cumming, *Lay Eucharistic Ministers*
Bob Brooks and Ed Wickramasinghe, *Ushers* ✨ Anne Sharp and Charlie Price, *Greeters*
Rich Bartels, *Audio Engineer* ✨ Jenifer Tidwell, *Video Engineer*
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