

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost – November 13, 2022

WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

[When morning gilds the skies](#), vv. 1,4,5

Hymnal 427

GREETING

Presider Blessed be God whom we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be the life of God among us!**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

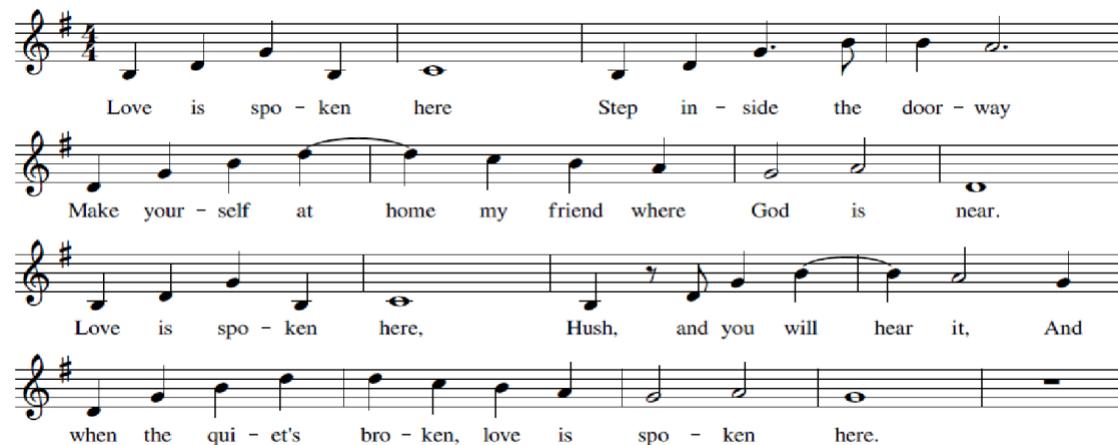
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Love is spoken here

Reinach/Ross



Love is spo - ken here Step in - side the door - way

Make your - self at home my friend where God is near.

Love is spo - ken here, Hush, and you will hear it, And

when the qui - et's bro - ken, love is spo - ken here.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us:

People **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, **for God has done marvelous things.**
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm **has God won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known her victory;
her righteousness has she openly shown in the sight of the nations
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, **with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, **the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when God comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall she judge the world **and the peoples with equity.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Presider The Good News of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

SERMON Bad News/Good News The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

PRAYER SONG Bless the Lord, my soul *Taize*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

OUR PRAYERS (*Please stand or kneel.*)

Leader: Most Holy God, you have blessed us with abundance.
We thank you for our homes, family, friends, fun, work, rest, and ministries.
Give us grateful and generous hearts, to give as we have received.
We thank you today for those blessings we name now: [*name thanksgivings*]...
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Creator God, you made the world and all that is in it, and you made us in your image, the image of love. Forgive us when we put our own interests ahead of others.
As we have received peace, help us to work for the security of all:
We pray for this world, its places, people: [*name prayers for the world*]...
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you give spiritual gifts to your church.
Give your churches grateful and generous hearts, to give as we have received.
We pray especially for... [*name churches and ministries.*] ...that all Christ followers may have the grace and courage to serve the world in your name.
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Father of Lights, you created this earth with its beauty and richness.
Forgive us for misusing its resources. As You have made us stewards of creation, give us hearts that honor all life, to give as we have received.
We pray for all who work to restore health to this earth and its living treasures.
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Healer. Thank you for the healing we have experienced.
Give to us the faith to offer healing in Your name, to give as we have received.
We pray especially for those needs we name now: [*name those in need of healing*]...
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

God of All, you are our beginning and our end. Thank you for the life we live now, and the life we will enjoy with you for all time. We pray for all who have died, that they may know life in your presence now and forever. We pray especially for Jean Barbour and those saints we have lost in the past year...
Holy God, Giver of all good things: **Thank you for hearing our prayer.**

The Presider offers a closing prayer.

THE PEACE (*Standing*)

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

The people exchange a sign of Christ's peace with their neighbors.

OFFERTORY HYMN [Come thou fount of every blessing](#) Hymnal 686

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

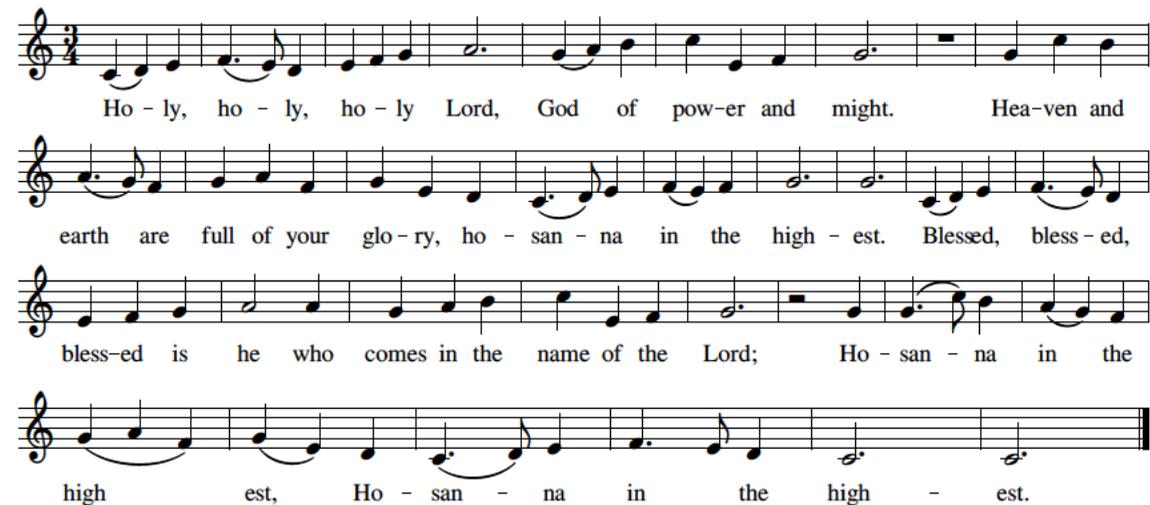
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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, Father Almighty, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2002



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. Blessed, bless - ed,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the
high est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 embodied through 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.

On the night before he died for us, 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 to remember 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, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. 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.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being made holy by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Taste and See

Kate Heichler, 2002

Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, the bread he broke for us, Hal-le - lu-jah;
Taste and see the wine that he has poured; the great-est for the
least, hal-le - lu - jah; so let us keep the feast, Hal-le - lu - jah!

THE COMMUNION

All are invited to partake of holy eucharist. We offer communion wine in small cups; dispose of these in the baskets as you return to your seat.

If you do not wish to receive you are welcome to come up, arms crossed, for a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKS

Triune God, Giver of enough and more, thank you for feeding us at Your table, for making us joyful givers in Your own image. Now make us gifts to the world – offering nurture where there is hunger, comfort where there is pain, hope where there is despair and love where there is fear. Let this circle of giving that begins and ends with You, O Lord, expand until it includes the entire world. We pray in the name of the One who gave his life for us, Jesus our Lord: Amen.

BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Almighty God, this meal does not end here – you continue to nourish us, and to feed others through us. Bless these elements and vessels, and the lay eucharistic visitors who carry them out, that your Body and Blood may nurture those members of our family unable to worship with us today.

BLESSING

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLOSING SONG

[Christ is made the sure foundation](#), vv, 1,3

Hymnal 518

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES

Our organist today is Cheryl Reckeweg, with some music recorded by our music team, featuring Alicia Cordelle, Kate Heichler, Tim Illick, Mary Kercher, Cheryl Reckeweg.

Hymns are found in the hymnals in our pews, and words are provided on slides at 11. Those worshipping online can click the link on the hymn name and find the tune there.

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OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We give thanks for: For our wardens, Alex and Walter, and their ministries.

Those celebrating this week: Beverly Chalker, Jack Havenner, Alice Burroughs

We pray for:

Those in need of healing – Barbara Poe, Lori Deem, Ellen Bryant, Charlotte Martin, Bob Clark, Bill Cook, Tom Weirich, Brenda Harbin

Those who have died – Nancy Wilkinson, Jean Barbour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BISHOP IS COMING! – Next Sunday, our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, will be with us, preaching and presiding and spending a little time with us at a festive coffee hour. Please plan to be here to greet her.

FUNDING FOR MISSION – We are in a season of gathering pledges for God’s mission at Christ Church in 2023. Please pray about what portion of your income (harvest) you can release back for ministry – and let us know your estimated giving for next year online (link on website and in enews) or on a card found in church or mailed to you.

THE KIRKING IS BACK! – On November 27, Christ Church in La Plata will be joined by the City of Alexandria Pipes & Drums to support our celebration of St. Andrew’s day and all things Scottish. And after worship we will once again have a lunch (chili cook-off!) and enjoy the Celtic folk music of the Devil’s Tailors. Got some chili to share?

AN AFTERNOON WITH ST NICHOLAS – We would like to offer another family-oriented event on Saturday, December 3 – would you like to help with hosting, decorating, helping children decorate Christmas cookies? Please let Rev. Kate know.

ONLINE GIVING – La Plata: You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. You can also give online - go to <https://onrealm.org/ChristChurchLaP/-/form/give/now>. **Wayside:** Go to the same site and on the pull-down menu of funds, select “CC Wayside.”

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