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Twenty Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

11:00 AM

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus
Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians – regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background – are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Preschool – 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd - 5th - The Rock Room
 Middle and High School - Youth House
 Adults - Parish Hall

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

Tune: Lauda anima

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-236

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord 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.**

First Reading

Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has

finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.” So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 127

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Nisi Dominus

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one’s youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of

many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

As those of old their first fruits brought (verses 1, 3)

Hymnal 705

Tune: Forest Green

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

All stand.

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

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Stefanie Nitschke

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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.**

Prayers of the People Form VI

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All stand or kneel.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and David and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *O Taste and See*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
 blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

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.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 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:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 sanctified 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 St. Helena and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Hymnal 593

Tune: Dickinson College

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 58

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Tune: St. Thomas

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Susan	Don	Larry
Dorla	John	Jamie	Nancy
Gail	Jim	Kathy	Amy
Carlie	Janelle	Ben	Matt

What You Want to Know

St. Helena's is a congregation of many Veterans.

Today we honor and thank you for your service to our nation.

Thanks Be to God! As of November 5, over 170 households have made pledges for 2019 which total \$764,241! This is a faithful, generous, and outstanding response.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped out in faith and made their pledge!

Your pledge remittance may be conducted in various ways.

- On-line on the parish website, at www.sthelenas.net
- At your worship service (*pledge cards are available*)
- In the office (*pledge cards are available*)
- Via return mail

Thinking Holy Baptism? Here are a few upcoming dates to consider.

Dec. 23 (9:00AM service)

Feb. 3rd

April 20th (Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil)

If you need alternatives to these dates, please contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net

***The Story* classes will be held at 10:10 AM, Sundays.**

Today we will study Chapter 9.

Breakfast for the whole family will be in the Great Room of Wendler Hall.

Listed below is the location of the classes for all age groups.

Pre-K and Kinder, Room C in Wendler Hall

1st and 2nd Grades, Room D in Wendler Hall

3rd thru 5th Grades, Rock Room, in the Parish Hall Wing

Mid School thru High School, Youth House

Adults, Great Room of Wendler Hall

Wednesday classes follow the Healing Service at 11:00 AM.

Sweet Music in the Great Room of Wendler Hall. On Nov. 13th at 7 PM, the concert

begins. Musicians ages 5 - 16 in various stages of musical skill, will perform as

members of the Hill Country Youth Orchestra. HCYO is the **only** tuition free

orchestra program of its kind in the country and has been tuition free for ALL

students since inception. HCYO serves as a hub for a large network of world-class

string educators and over 150 students in 9 different ensembles across 3 different

campuses. This season, St. Helena's is their rehearsal campus in Boerne. HCYO has

trained over 2,000 students since inception and is 100% funded by donations and

grants. This is their first concert in Boerne and is open to all at no cost. Enjoy!

Young Families Friendsgiving Lets come together November 15th at 6pm to

celebrate how thankful we are to have this new Young Families Ministry! We will

gather at the Mefford's home for a potluck dinner. The Meffords will provide the

turkey so, please sign up to bring a side dish! Email Stefanie

(stefanie@sthelenas.net) for more information.

Make Note of These Date:

Build Bethlehem December 1st 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

A Walk in Bethlehem Event- Dec. 4th & 5th

Deconstruct Bethlehem - Dec. 8th

We are especially looking for volunteers for the cast members. Volunteers are also needed for the prop committee, construction committee, clean up committee, and people interested in organizing and creating a float for the Weihnachts parade
Contact Dawn McLendon to volunteer. dawn@sthelenas.net

Notice: Father David's sermons are now online at www.sthelenas.net under the Resources tab. Some good things simply bear repeating. *Enjoy!*

Altar Flowers

In Celebration of Deborah Patterson's Birthday

Given by Erin Barton

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolytes:	David Keith, Ryan Erickson	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Mathews
Altar Guild:	Team: 4	Jr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
EM:	Marie Mayfield, Paul Johnson	Secretary:	Julie Vickery
Prayer Team:	Linda Horton	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Bill McVey, Buddy Loveless		
Vestry Host:	Anne Rea, Linda Lee Gatell		

Weekly Calendar

<u>Sundays:</u>	Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, 10:10 Christian Ed, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. St. Helena's Bells, 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
<u>Mondays:</u>	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	9:30 a.m. Lectionary Readings Study, 1:00 p.m. Ukulele practice, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA (<i>this group meets every other Tuesday</i>), 4:30 p.m. HCYO, 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 11:00 a.m. <i>The Story</i> Bible study, 4-5:30 p.m. 1 st thru 5 th Rock Solid, 4:15-5:30 Mid School, 5:30 p.m. SHOCK, 6:00 p.m. High School, 6:30 p.m. Worship Band 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursdays:</u>	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Noon - 1 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Fridays:</u>	9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Women's AA



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