



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector
The Reverend Jessica Walker, Deacon

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

ENTRANCE HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Hymnal 362



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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

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The Celebrant may say

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.*

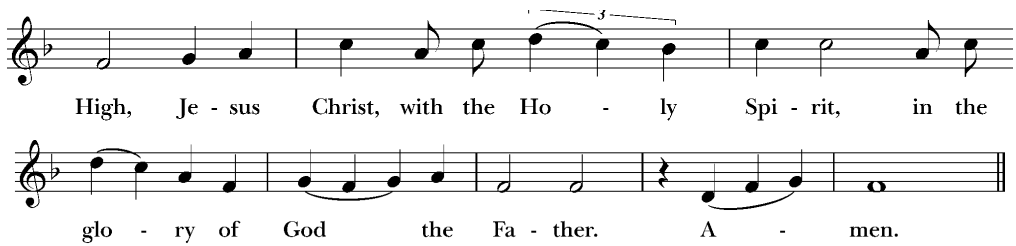
SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

The following is sung, all standing as able

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my

sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 99

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

¹The LORD is King; let the people tremble. *

He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

³Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

⁴“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and worship him upon his holy hill; *

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

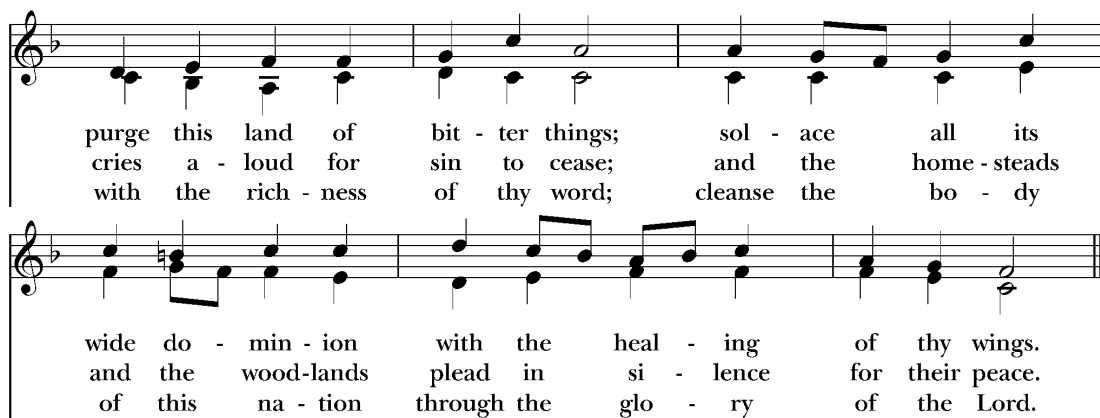
GRADUAL HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal 596

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

All stand as able.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Will Lowry

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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All stand as able.

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

All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: Holy God, lover of justice, you have promised that your presence will go with us to guide and protect your people: Show us your glory, that we may know you and find favor in your sight, as we pray: Proclaim the greatness of our God, for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Holy God, you have chosen your Church for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant that we may be true to you, not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, with full conviction. We pray especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; Jessica, our Deacon; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

for our God is the Holy One.

Transcendent God, you urge this nation and all in authority into your ways of peace and equality: Save our leaders from showing partiality, and grant them vision and courage to give only that which is appropriate to the claims of politics and state, and to give to God the things that are God's. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

for our God is the Holy One.

Immanent One, your presence is everywhere and your glory touches all the earth: Show your gracious goodness to people throughout the world, so that all may know you and find favor in your sight. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all of the Middle East, and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

for our God is the Holy One.

Loving and gracious God, your presence inspires this community to continue to work in faith, to labor in love, and to be steadfast in hope. Let our welcome go forth in grace and peace.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

for our God is the Holy One.

Merciful One, your grace and peace fill our community and connect us with ties of loving regard:

Hear our prayers for those whom we remember in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Jane, Pam, Evie, Joy, Peter, Lee, Dick, Dawn, June and all on our prayer list.

Accept our grateful thanksgiving for the goodness of life.

Receive into the full vision of your goodness and glory those who have died.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

for our God is the Holy One.

Celebrant: Living and trustworthy God, your strong arm is extended to bring justice and truth to the whole world: Guide the powerful into your ways and keep us ever faithful to your will, that everyone in heaven and earth may work to bring about your intention for universal reconciliation and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

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All stand as able.

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.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

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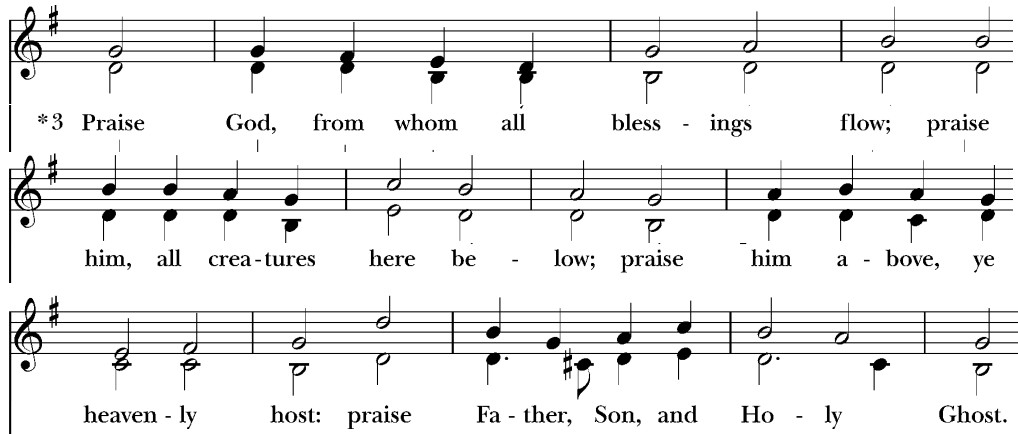
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Just a closer walk with thee

DOXOLOGY



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The People remain standing as able.

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.

Facing the Holy Table, 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and
the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal 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 People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

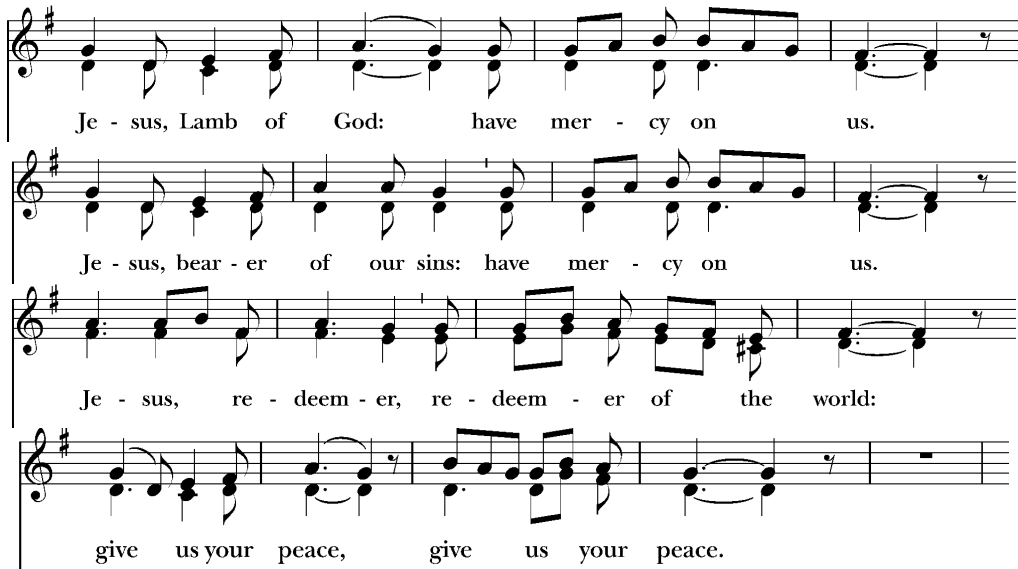
The Breaking of the Bread

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. **Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.***

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Garden

LEVAS 69

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
 2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
 3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
 3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He
 tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we
 tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Hymnal 559



1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

THE COMMISSIONING

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. The nursery opens at 9am. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace.

Those for whom we pray: **Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,** Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop,** Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), **Kimberly Worthy,** Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), **Jane Taylor,** Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), **Pam Webster, Evie Loftin,** Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), **Joy Howell,** Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Melinda DeGraw (Evie Loftin), **Peter Davis,** Henry (Jan Waggoner), Madelyn Grace (Jan Waggoner), David & Barbara Monaghan (Ellie Brandon), Sandra Sanchez (Rose Johnson), Kim Sprovier (Millie Ericson), Ann Hale (Jan Waggoner), **Lee Reid,** Sonya Crawford (Millie Ericson), Cindy Schneider (Nancy Campbell), **Dick Reid, Dawn Johnson, June Hayles**

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN), Aden Marston (USA), Jay Flowers (NG)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in October: Ethan Pierce (2nd), Dawn Johnson (13th), Carol Hanson (14th), Elias Johnson (16th), Ezra Johnson (19th), Jane Taylor (25th)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in October: Jeanie & Dick Blake (11th), Amber & John Pierce (12th), Joanna & Robert Seibert (18th), Sandria & Emmett Johnson (26th)

Servers

Acolyte- Dave Liebenow

Lectors- Jeanie Blake & Dave Liebenow

Ushers- Tomibree Shaw & Laura Hill

Announcements- Dave Liebenow

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Fr Bill Ericson, Leah Reader, Tomibree Shaw

Flower Guild- Brenda Johnson

Beadle- Dave Liebenow

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