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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23 Year A **October 11th, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – Hybrid**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We are glad you are here. If you are online, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are online reading a lesson, or offering an intercession or thanksgiving during the prayers, please unmute yourself; then re-mute.

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Prelude

The Presider says, and the people respond

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Priest 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.*

Hymn

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-cous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Jenny Ockert

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23: *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Michael Wilson

Reader: A reading from Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



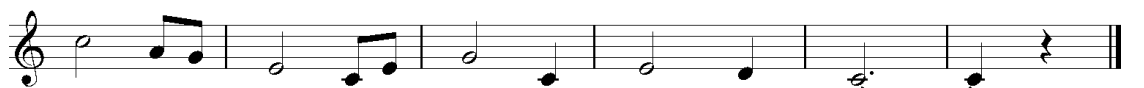
makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

Fr. Tommy Sheppard

Nicene Creed

All say

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

Led by Paige Corologos

The intercessor offers prayers for the Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; concerns of the community; those who suffer or are in any trouble; and the departed.

A brief silence is kept between each prayer. Those online may “unmute” to add their own petitions and thanksgivings, along with those in the church, when indicated by the intercessor.

The Presider adds this Concluding Collect

Beyond our understanding, you alone are God; you speak to a world of brutal rule and shallow indifference, of arms fairs and reality shows: may the one who came to sit at table with the victimized and excluded disturb our barren peace, and call us to another feast, where only love may rule; through Jesus Christ, the bridegroom. *Amen.*

(Concluding Collect at the Prayers from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare.)

Confession and Absolution

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept, then all say

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Those online may unmute briefly to offer their response along with those in the sanctuary.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

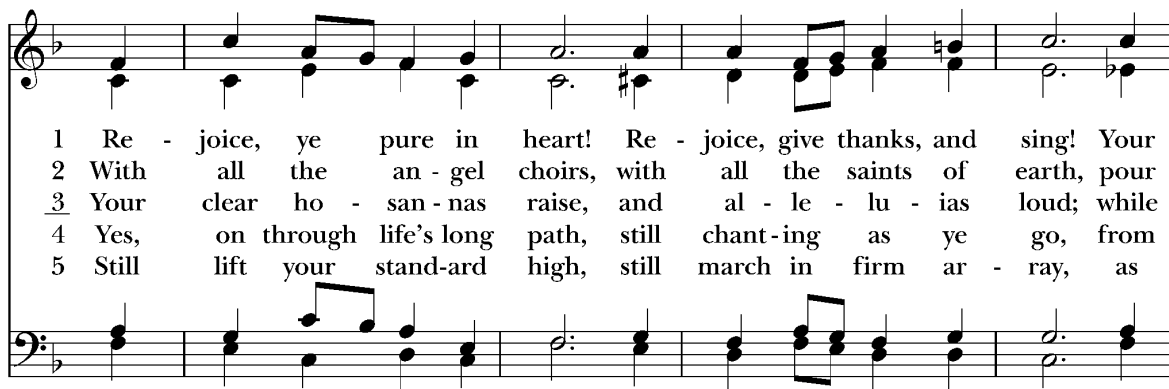
The Presider says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

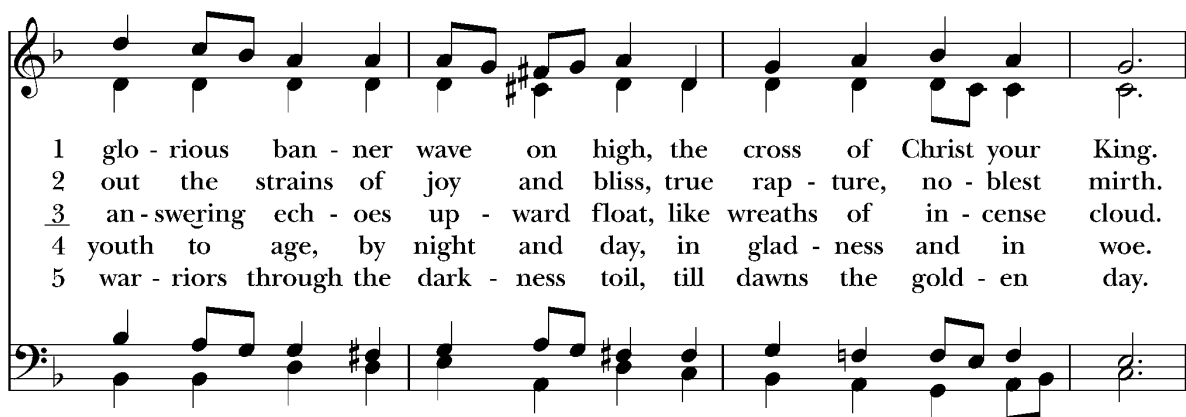
Offertory Hymn

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Hymnal 556, stanzas 1-5



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

Doxolgy

Hymnal 380 (Stanza 3)

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

The first line of musical notation for the Doxology. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

The second line of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The third line of musical notation, concluding the Doxology. The melody ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

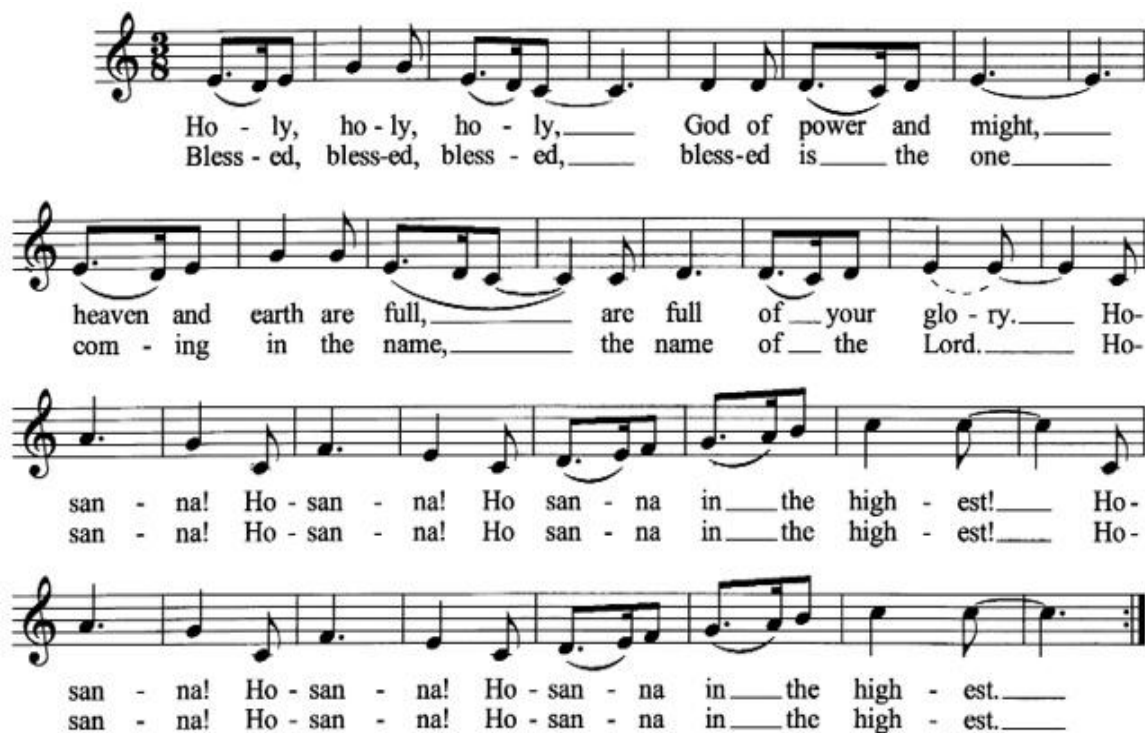
Presider

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 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

(My Heart Sings Out 38)

Presider and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and might,
Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is the one

heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
com - ing in the name, the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho san - na in the high - est! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider 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:

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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.

All sing



The Presider says

We are called the children of God, and indeed we are,
therefore we can pray with confidence:

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 867

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the

Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one

bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Presider invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

Communion Hymn

My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Postcommunion Prayer

The Presider says

Let us pray.

The Presider and People pray

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

The priest pronounces God's blessing; the people respond, "Amen."

Postcommunion Hymn

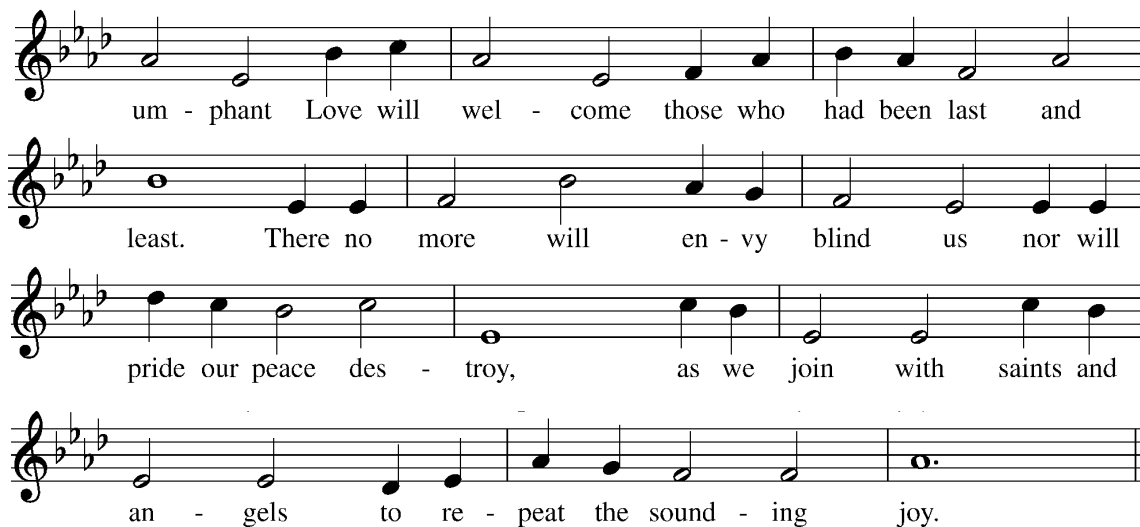
As we gather at your table

WLP 763

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -



Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Calendar

Today: Coffee Hour in the McClure Room

Tuesday: Book Study Group, 5:00pm on Zoom (dianrooney123@gmail.com)

Saturday, 10/17: Craft-making day 10:00am-2:00pm; All supplies provided

Next Sunday: Morning Prayer, 9:30am

Sunday, 10/25: Sunday School, Holy Eucharist, Pumpkin Sunday, 9:30am

Online Giving

Trinity now has Online Giving available. You can give on our website at trinityshelburne.org/give by using a credit/debit card or your bank account.

Pumpkin Sunday October 25

25 Children, of all ages, should bring their carved pumpkins to the church. We'll talk about how the light of Christ shines in (and out of) all of us. (We'll supply the candles.)

Book Group

Diane Rooney is hosting a book study group via Zoom. She welcomes participants from both churches and the community to join in. Email her at dianerooney123@gmail.com for questions.

We have chosen to read the book by Sara Miles titled "Take this Bread". We will begin our discussions of this book on Tuesday October 6th.

We will take a break over the holidays.

Trinity Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Outreach Committee is planning our Trinity Bazaar and Craft Fair on December 5th, 2026 from 9am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars. We are hoping to have people donate crafts, gift baskets and gift certificates to sell or for our silent auction. The money raised supports our Outreach activities.

There will be a craft making day to create items for the Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday October 17 from 10 am to 2. All supplies will be provided

Trinity's Counters Need a New Team Member

If you're available to join the team of counters, please contact Sandy Walsh at vtgrammy@live.com.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23, the Sunday closest to October 12, Year A

Welcome to our parish. During these last weeks of the Church Year, we come to the section of Matthew's Gospel marked by intense confrontations between Jesus and the religious establishment; these confrontations were to lead to his crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus is again teaching about the Kingdom. Here it is described in a way that antagonized the establishment. If those who are religious do not respond to God's call, they will be replaced by others who do respond.

In the first reading, Isaiah foresees the Kingdom of God as a great feast (the same image Jesus uses in today's Gospel reading) and as a feast for all people, not just a few. This is one of the places in the Hebrew Scriptures where we see Israel's understanding of God as a national or tribal God expanding into seeing God as God of all.

We continue to read Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul brings his letter to its conclusion, calling on the people to live in peace and unity and to help one another.

Our gathering as Christians Sunday by Sunday is a foreshadowing of the Kingdom of God. We are called to bring all people into fellowship with God. In this way, the Kingdom of God is revealed and humanity's hope is made more certain.

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