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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25 Year A
October 25th, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – Hybrid
“Pumpkin Sunday”

Thank you for worshiping 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

Give praise and glory unto God

Hymnal 375

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in the key of A major (three sharps: F#, C#, G#) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in a soprano or alto clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of hea - ven prais-eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er-more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious-ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king-dom's wide do - main, his



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Matthew Weiner

Reader: A Reading from Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Psalm 1: *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Tom Little

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God of mercy, God of grace

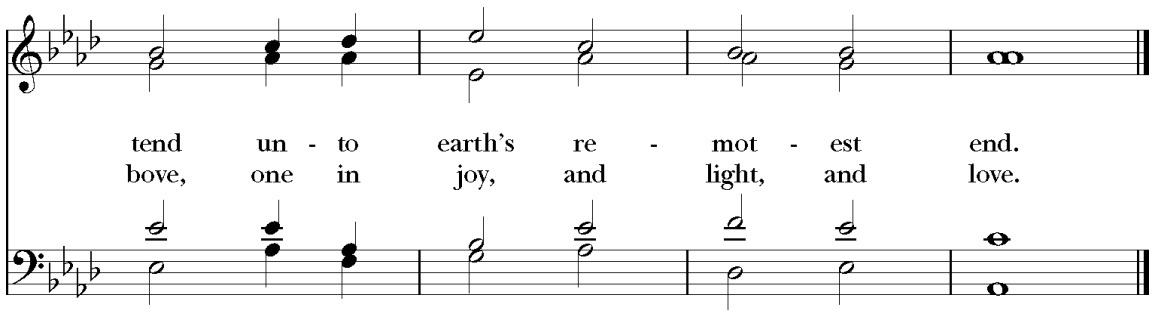
Hymnal 538

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first voice and the second column to the second voice. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, the second system contains the next two lines, and the third system contains the final two lines. The lyrics are: 1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex - to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

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 Bud Ockert

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 a Concluding Collect

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body, and unseen depths of soul, that we might love you wholly, and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. *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 against God and our neighbor.

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

Lord, whose love through humble service

Hymnal 610

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Doxolgy

Hymnal 380 (Stanza 3)

*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.

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

Hymnal S 125

Presider and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 3/4 time at the end. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

The Presider invites the people to Communion

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

Communion Hymn

Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

The musical score is written for two parts: a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves, with the two verses clearly distinguished by the numbers 1 and 2.

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

Rise up, ye saints of God

Hymnal 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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 Group on Zoom, 5:00pm (dianerooney123@gmail.com)

Next Sunday: Morning Prayer, Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 8: Sunday School, Holy Eucharist, Pastoral Care Team Training

Pastoral Care Team Training

Trinity Pastoral Care Team training 11/8 after worship. This training is for our Pastoral Care Team. If you wish to be on this team please attend this training.

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.

JUMP is looking for volunteers

JUMP (the Joint Urban Ministry Project) is looking for volunteers from partner churches like Trinity to volunteer once or twice a month at The First Congregational Church in Burlington. The work can be anyday you chose on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from about 8:15am to about 11:30 when it closes. The job would be preparing bagels and coffee for hungry folks and serving clients food and setting up food tables and cleaning up. If you are interested, see Paige Corologos.

SCHIP seeks Volunteer Board Members

SCHIP is looking to fill volunteer Board of Director positions. Our Board is a working Board with Board members having specific areas to focus on. We are currently looking for volunteers to join the Board who have an interest and/or experience with: • Finance • Information Technology • Facilities • Board Secretary. If you or you know someone who may be interested and to learn more, please contact Lisa Zengilowski at Lzengilowski@yahoo.com

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.

Trinity Book Group

Trinity's Tuesday Book Group meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. We are reading the book by Sara Miles titled "Take this Bread." A Zoom link will be shared before the meeting. Contact A Diane Rooney via email at dianerooney123@gmail.com to be added to the list.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 25, the Sunday closest to October 26, Year A

Welcome to our parish. As we continue to read the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear another of the confrontations between Jesus and the Pharisees. Last week they tried to discredit him with the people and the government; today they test his orthodoxy. Jesus answers their question in correct Jewish form and then counters with a question to them. This passage is leading toward the Christian belief that Jesus is more than a descendent of King David; he is the Son of God.

The first reading is a portion of the giving of the Law. In it, love and faithfulness toward God is to be expressed by love and care for human beings. This is the same principle that Jesus upholds in the Gospel reading.

In the second reading, Paul continues his greetings to the Thessalonian church, reminding them of his original visit to them and of his love and affection for them.

As practicing Christians, we live not simply at the human level but, through Baptism, are bearers of divinity. In mundane elements of common food and drink, like those of the Eucharist, we meet God. Likewise, in our lives our human nature is permeated by God's nature. This is the reason we can pray; this is the reason we are sent into the world to minister to others.

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