

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(Our liturgy today is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.)

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Gary R. Smoke

OPENING HYMN

#812 in **Worship, Love & Praise** (green hymnal)
I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Romans 6:3-11

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will

certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

(Please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 3 times*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2:13-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 1 time*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**THE NICENE CREED**

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 worshipped 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

(Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers and confession.)

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 PEACE *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Lord of the Small
Leon Spencer, Bass

Dan Forrest

DOXOLOGY

(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)

*Hymn tune from # 380, v. 3 in the **Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer A from The Book of Common Prayer)

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 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, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

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.

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.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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. 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.
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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION HYMNS #655 & #707 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #475 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
God Himself is With Us

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord

Hermann Grabner

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant: The Reverend Timothy A. Johnson+, Rector

Lector: Barbara Thornton

Sub Deacon: Pete Peterson, Barbara Thornton

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Peterson

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

Guest Organist: Bill Robinson

The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored this week by Marshall and Diane Evans in memory of Richard Cobb.

Pastoral Emergencies – If you have a pastoral emergency requiring the immediate assistance of a priest, please contact the church office during office hours. Outside of office hours, please contact the Rev. Tim Johnson directly at 484-730-1988.

Suggested Spiritual Practice for the Fall: A Colloquy

In the 16th century, St. Ignatius of Loyola taught his students a form of prayer that he referred to as a colloquy (or “conversation”). His intention in teaching this approach to prayer was to encourage his students to embrace prayer as a conversation. Prayer does not require us to use the language of the Prayer Book or any formal language; rather, prayer at its heart is a simple conversation with God. A colloquy utilizes our imagination as a resource for prayer.

To use this form of prayer:

1. Place your body in a comfortable position, close your eyes, and begin to relax your body and quiet your thoughts. If it is helpful, slowly repeat a word such as “peace” to calm your thoughts.
2. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time of prayer.
3. Imagine that you are seated in a familiar place where you would normally talk with a friend, such as your living room, kitchen table, porch, etc.
4. Imagine Jesus joins you in that familiar place and sits with you.
5. While you are imagining Jesus is sitting with you, share with Jesus what is on your heart and in your mind, and imagine that Jesus is looking at you attentively and with love. It is also appropriate to imagine you are sitting with Jesus in silence.
6. When you are ready to bring your prayer to an end, thank Jesus for joining you in your time of prayer.