



## LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 21, 2021 | 10:15 a.m.

### THE GATHERING

**Prelude**      *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*      William B. Bradley, Arr. By Dennis Alexan

*All rise at the sound of the bell.*

**Hymn**      **Hail to the Lord's anointed**      Blue Hymnal 616

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.      BCP p. 355  
*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*You may be seated*

#### The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:  
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:  
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

**Psalm 132:1-19**

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1 LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;  
**2 How he swore an oath to the LORD \***  
**and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**  
3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;  
**4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \***  
**nor let my eyelids slumber;**  
5 Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."  
**6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \***  
**we found it in the fields of Jearim.**  
7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."  
**8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \***  
**you and the ark of your strength.**  
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.  
**10 For your servant David's sake, \***  
**do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**  
11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:  
**12 "A son, the fruit of your body \***  
**will I set upon your throne.**  
13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."  
**14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; \***  
**he has desired her for his habitation:**  
15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*here will I dwell, for I delight in her.  
**16 I will surely bless her provisions, \***  
**and satisfy her poor with bread.**  
17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

**18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.**

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

**The Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**Hymn Jesus came, adored by angels**

**Blue Hymnal 454**

**The Holy Gospel, *standing***

**Mark 12:38-44**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.'

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kate E. Wesch**

*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed, *standing***

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**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 Litany of Thanksgiving, *standing***

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<i>Intercessor</i>	Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	For the communion of saints, in all times and places, <b>We thank you, Lord.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i> <i>People</i>	Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; <b>To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.</b>
<i>Presider</i>	O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>

**The Confession and Absolution, kneeling**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*Presider* 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, all standing**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
*People* **And also with you!**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, while remaining socially distanced and in their pews.*

**Welcome and Announcements, you may be seated**

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.*

**Offertory Anthem**                      **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**                      **Blue Hymnal 544**

**Presentation, standing**

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table.*

**Ingathering**    *Fairest Lord Jesus, Crusaders Hymn*                      *Arr. By Dennis Alexander*

*At this time, the congregation is invited to come forward, to the altar rail, bearing prayers and/or pledge cards to be placed in the basket as an offering to God.*

## Ingathering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our work, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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*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 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. 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*The people stand or kneel.*

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:

**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 are bold to 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.  
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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

### **The Invitation to Communion**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.  
For a blessing, place your hand across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask an usher or someone nearby to request that Communion be brought to you.*

**Hymn Lord, make us servants of your peace**

**Blue Hymnal 593**

### **Postcommunion Prayer, standing**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**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.**

**Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested**

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.  
*People* **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

**The Blessing, standing**

Let us depart from this place in peace, and as we go on our way, forget not the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another in God as Christ has loved us, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn** God of grace and God of glory

**Blue Hymnal 594**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude** *The Lost Chord*

**Sir Arthur Sullivan**

**Home Prayer List:** Please pray for all who have asked for our prayers: Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrie, Ginny Buracchi, Suzy and Ed Burke, Helen Chatman, Arnie Chester, Connie Cliffe, Clio Coles, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Amy D'Alessio, Samuel Dorrance, Nancy Gould, Dickon Pownall-Gray, Maria Lopez, Donald Power, Raymond and Pam Ryan, Joanne Ryan, Chris Schumacher, John Schumacher, William Shepard, Dan Taylor-Stypa, Rob van der Horst.

**Serving Today**

<i>Musician</i>	Gerri Smith
<i>Ushers &amp; Greeters</i>	David Evangelisti & Dan Taylor-Stypa
<i>Lector</i>	Stephanie Patterson
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<i>Intercessor</i>	Carol Richmond
<i>Crucifer</i>	Stephanie Patterson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Jonathan Regan
<i>Videographer</i>	Rob van der Horst
<i>Counters</i>	Clio Coles and Nancy King
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Stephanie Patterson
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith
<i>Presider &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**CLERGY AND STAFF:** The Rev. Kate E. Wesch, *The Rector*; The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith, *Deacon*; Chelsea DiDonato, *Parish Administrator & Communications Director*; Allison Fresher, *Verger*; Mairi Graham-Shaw, *Family Life Minister*, Deborah Jones, *Sexton*; Dayle Larson, *Bookkeeper*

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