



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

November 19, 2023 10:15 AM

The Holy Eucharist: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lou Hays

Acolytes: Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Chalicer: Toni DeVore

Welcome Center: Linda Crocker, Vickie Bono

Director of Music: Christopher Koon

Lector: Toni DeVore

Intercessor: Bob Crocker

The Word of God

Voluntary

“Sonata VI: Finale-Andante”

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn #632

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

Munich

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant 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.

The Gloria #S280

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Judges (4:1-7) (Bible – Old Testament pg. 170)

“The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 (*please remain seated*)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-11) (Bible – New Test. - pg. 159)

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

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

Sequence Hymn #536 “Open your ears, O faithful people” *Torah Song*

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30) (New Testament pg. 18)
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of

many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lou Hays

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 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 – Form III (*led by Bob Crocker*)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, for Lou our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe our President, Jim and Mike our Governors, and for our local elected officials.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list. Please join me in saying the first names of those listed below:

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Jeff Turley – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Bill Riner & crew – safe sailing around the world	Amanda Morris – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan - healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Don Stanley - hospitalized	Joe Martucci - healing
Colleen Parsons – strength/healing	Chris Heckman – healing	David Rose – healing
Eric Dailey – recovering from kidney transplant	Becky Winans – facing surgery	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Sherry Shepler
Judy McCoy	Mike Brown	Jennifer Conaway	Paul Rutledge
Tabitha Arceneaux	Tammy Marks	David White	Becky Winans
Roy Trembly			

And for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, for the birthdays of *Jone Johnson & Ashley Semones*, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Emmanuel Church, Keyser and St. Andrew's Church, Oak Hill.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church in Myanmar.

We give thanks for the altar flowers, given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the blessings of this year by Jone Johnson.

Please join with me in praying for this stage of our transition:

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessings upon this parish. Pour out your Holy Spirit to guide us and the Discernment Committee through this sacred time of transition. Be with us as we plan for the future of our parish. Grant us wisdom, patience, and strength in this journey to find a new shepherd. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 hearts; 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.

Absolution

Celebrant

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Commissioning of Wardens and Vestry Members

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Hymn #9

“Not here for high and holy things”

Morning Song

Blessing of the Pledge Cards

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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 #S130

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

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem #S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(to be said by those unable to attend in person)*

Blessed Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen. *(from the Washington National Cathedral)*

Communion Hymn #337

“And now, O Father”

Unde et memores

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries: Jone Johnson, Ashley Semones

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #290

“Come, ye thankful people come”

St. George’s

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung twice when bells are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go.

(Please stay seated)

Voluntary

“Trumpet Voluntary”

John Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gluten Free Wafers –Gluten free wafers are now being offered at the communion rail. Please let the priest know if you require a gluten free wafer.

Pledges – Today is Ingathering and Blessing of the Pledge cards. If you have not already returned your pledge card, please place it in the offering plate to be blessed today. Extra pledge cards are available in the Welcome Center.

North Star Child Advocacy Center Benefit Gala – Join Lou and some of Good Shepherd’s outreach leaders as we support this worthwhile organization and mingle with others working to protect children in our community. You can learn more about North Star and purchase tickets for the gala at the Parkersburg Art Center at northstarnightout.eventbrite.com. The event will be Saturday, Dec. 16, 6-9 PM.

Thanksgiving Offering – We are supporting Hunters Helping the Hungry with this year’s Thanksgiving Offering. You may donate using your Thanksgiving envelope, by check with “Hunters” in the memo line or use a Hunters Helping the Hungry envelope in the Welcome Center. All the donations will be used to process deer donated by WV hunters.

Adopted Families – Please help us fill bags with toiletries for our families. The bags are available in the Welcome Center and outside the office, attached to the big red boxes. There is a list in each bag of the items we need. Please return the filled bags as soon as possible.

Last Sunday Supper – Next Sunday we will host our free end of the month meal for our neighbors. Finish your Thanksgiving weekend by helping us feed the hungry. Prep begins at 1 PM, servers should be here by 5:15PM.

Holiday Hours – The office will close at 1PM Wednesday and re-open Monday the 27th at 9AM.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Save these dates:

Nov. 26 – Last Sunday Supper

IN ALL
THINGS
give
thanks

