

# St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021, 10:15 am

You are very welcome to our Eucharist Service!

The entire service is printed below;  
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.

**You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.**

Prelude

The Swan, C. Saint-Saëns

Announcements

All stand and join in singing,

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #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!

## The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

Presider: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

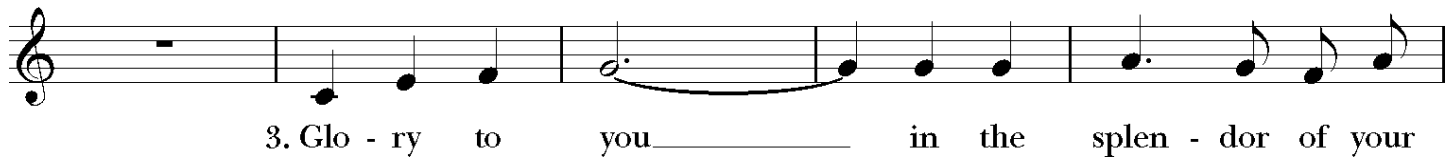
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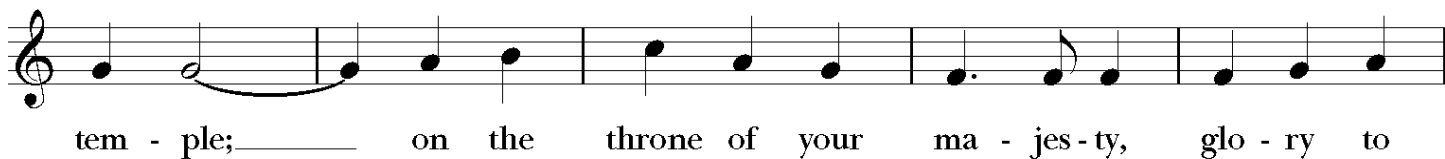
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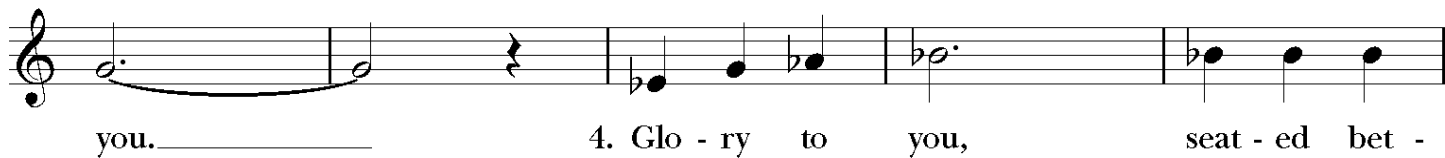
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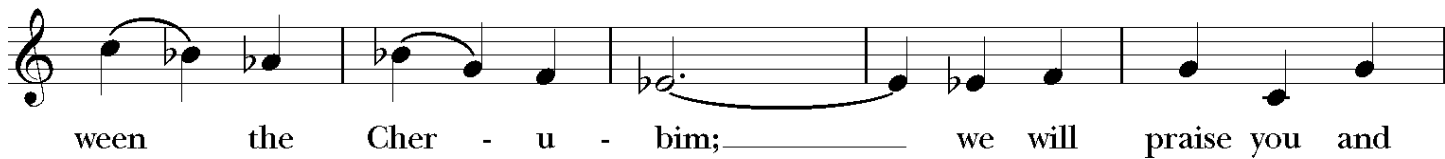
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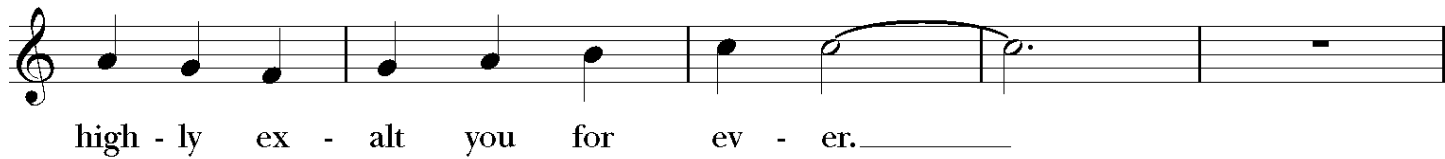
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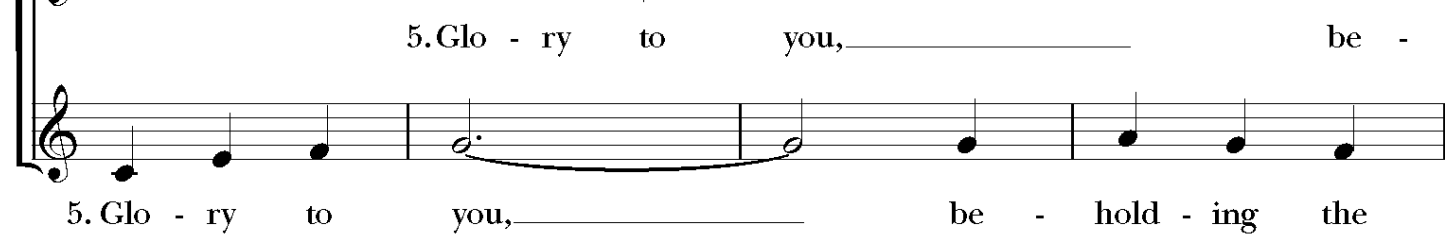


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*Descant*



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to  
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:**     **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All:**         **Amen.**

The People are seated for the lessons.

## The First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader:       The Word of the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir will chant the Psalm.

## The Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Lift Every Voice & Sing II #74

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

The People stand as they are able for the Gospel,

## The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.

## The Homily

The Rev. Jerry Lasley

## The Nicene Creed

**All: 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

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Jerry, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...  
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;  
**People: For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.  
Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.  
Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People: Who put their trust in you.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

**All: Amen.**

All stand or kneel as they are able.

## The Confession & Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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.

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory            Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts, Purcell

## The Holy Eucharist

All stand or kneel as they are able.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

The hymnal 1982 #S-125

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.

Priest: 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Priest: 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:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Priest: 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: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows. Please make sure to stay at least six feet away from anyone not in your household and keep your mask on.

The Priest will distribute Communion wafers. Please keep your mask on as you approach then process to the left or right depending on where you are sitting. Please wait until you are far from the Priest and others before carefully removing your masks to partake of Communion. Please replace your mask as quickly as you are able.

All stand as they are able.

## Post-Communion Prayer

**Presider:** Let us pray.

**All:** **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.**

## The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People, and the People respond,

**People:** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)  
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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## The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Funeral March of a Marionette, C. Gounod

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