

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism  
Sunday, October II, 2026  
10:30 in the morning



# THE WORD OF GOD

**HANDBELL PRELUDE** *Bell Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Alway*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

Hymn 556  
Tune: *Marion*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.  
O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



## PSALM TONE

*Tone: EVENTIDE*



**PSALM 23** *Dominus regit me*

1 The [Lord is] my shepherd;\*

I shall not [be] in want.

2 **He makes me lie [down in] green pastures\***

**and leads me be-[side] still waters.**

3 He re-[vives] my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways for his [name's] sake.

**Antiphon**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ... I shall [fear] no evil;\*  
for you are with me; ... your rod and your [staff ] they comfort me.

5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of [those] who trouble me;\***

**you have anointed my head with oil, ... and my cup is [run]-ning over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the [days of ] my life,\*

and I will dwell in the house of the [Lord] forever.

**Antiphon**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymn 645

Tune: *St. Columba*

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the

king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Romanik, *Rector*

## THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

**Elliott Margaret Young, Rebecca Reed Young, Craig Tate Young**

*Celebrant*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Parents, Godparents, and Sponsors present the candidates. Parents and Godparents say:*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks each candidate who can answer for themselves when presented*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate*

I do.

*The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents, Godparents, and those who are able to answer for themselves*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*All stand*

*Question* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Individuals who wish to witness the Baptism may join the procession to the Font.*

**PROCESSION** *Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire*

Hymn 503  
Tune: *Come Holy Ghost*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

## PROCESSION *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*

Hymn 293  
Tune: *Grand Isle*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*At Heavenly Rest, we believe that giving leads to spiritual growth, and we know that the ministry of this parish depends on the generosity of those who worship here. You can make your offering by placing it in one of the alms basins passed by the ushers or by using this QR code. Thank you for your generosity!*



*Those who are celebrating anniversaries in October are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

**OFFERTORY** *Rejoice in the Lord, Alway*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, rejoice. Be careful for nothing; but in ev'rything, by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, rejoice.*

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION** *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

Hymn 316

Tune: *Canticum refectonis***ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.***The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**THE SANCTUS** *Holy, holy, holy*

S114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel as they are able*

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 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Agnus Dei*

SI58

*The Celebrant proceeds*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service. Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*My God, thy table now is spread*

Hymn 321  
Tune: Rockingham

*My Shepherd will supply my need*

Hymn 664  
Tune: Resignation

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**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.**

*The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.*

**In the name of this congregation, we 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. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

*All stand and sing*

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Hymn 481  
Tune: *Gopsal*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *The Wedding March*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)





## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*Celebrant* - The Rev. Amanda Watson, *Assistant Rector for Community Life*

*Preacher* - The Rev. David Romanik, *Rector*

*Assisting* - The Rev. Bikole Mulanda, *Deacon and Swahili Minister*

*Organist and Choirmaster* - Thomas Pavlechko

*Verger* - Luke Teten

*Music* - Heavenly Rest Choir, Choristers

*Acolytes* - Brooks Morris, Parker Morris, Laney Morris

*Lay Ministers* - Patty Collier, Kandle Hudson, Dan Harbaugh

*Altar Guild and Linens* - Candy Scarborough, Claire Carlson, Amy Edington, Kendra Jernigan, Cheri Mixon

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| The Reverend Amanda Watson, <i>Assistant Rector for Community Life</i> | Laura Dickson, <i>Music Assistant, Children's Choir</i>       |
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### VESTRY AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

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