



**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.**  
**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND ABBOTT BAILEY, *Assisting Priest*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*  
*Childcare is available in the nursery*

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**PRELUDE**

*Please stand and sing*

**HYMN 376**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

*Hymn to Joy*

**THE ACCLAMATION**

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.  
The children will return before the baptism.*

*The People stand and sing.*

**HYMN 636**

How firm a foundation

*Foundation*

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People may be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

*A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.*

# HOLY BAPTISM

*Levi Leonard, Vaughn Leonard, Jude Luca DiLoreto, Leo Grant DiLoreto*

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents:* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* 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.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I renounce them.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

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

*Sponsors & Candidates:* I do.

*The People stand.*

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

*People* **We will.**

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

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* 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 forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## THE BAPTISM

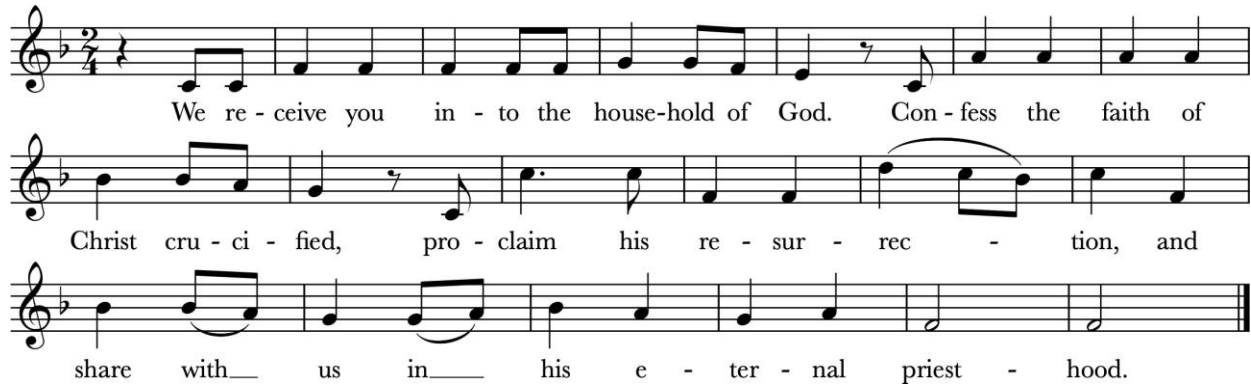
After all have been baptized,

**Celebrant** 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.**

The People stand.

**Celebrant** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Sung repeatedly*



## THE PEACE

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

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After the offering has been collected, all stand to sing  
**HYMN 812 FROM WONDER, LOVE, AND PRAISE**



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who dwell in  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I have wept for  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a

deep-est sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night,  
 love of them, They turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 feast for them, My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I  
 Till their hearts be sa - tis - fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I

send? \_\_\_\_\_ Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ I have heard you  
 send? \_\_\_\_\_  
 send? \_\_\_\_\_

call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ if you lead me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand*

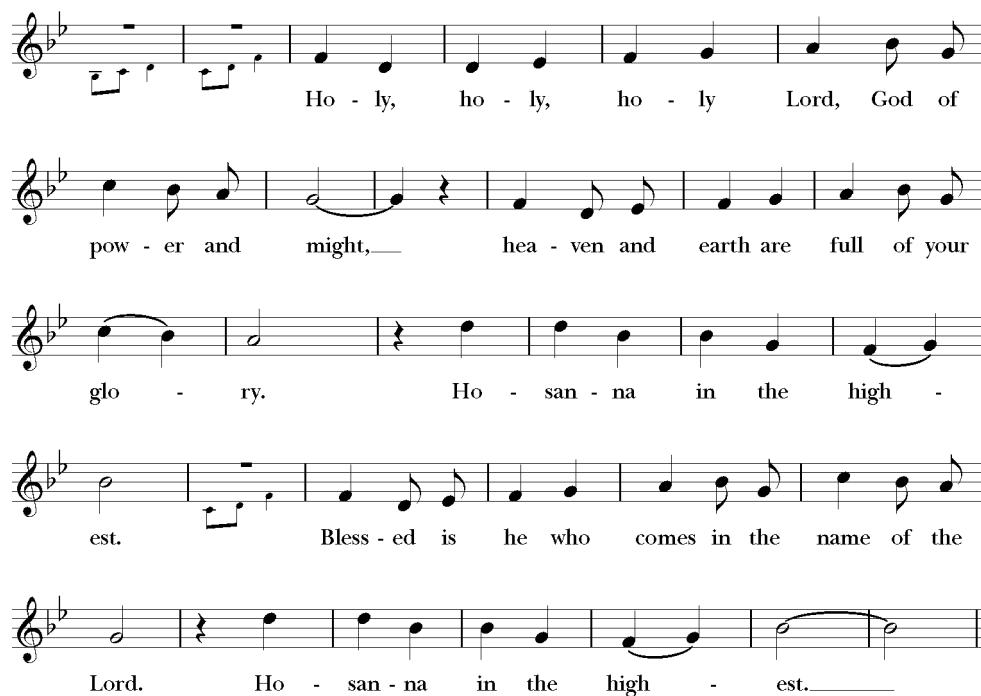
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

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Calvin Hampton



*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues on page 362 of The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject.... 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.... All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:* **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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

## HYMNS AT COMMUNION

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I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* 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 CLOSING HYMN 412

Earth and all stars

*Earth and All Stars*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

*In memory of Wilmer and Regina Hepner*

### WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Maria Brown

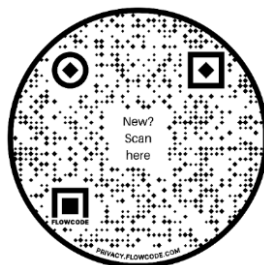
### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, William Groft & family, Lori & family, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, Jim Murphy, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Ken Barry, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Tom Linthicum, Hadley Kimberlin, Ted Gustin, Anthony Graves-Buckingham, Stephen Modlin, Phil Lyons, Judy Meade, Tim Truxell, Benjamin Ensz, Nancy Riggs, Sam Brathwaite, Bud Harvey

**NEW TO CHRIST CHURCH? PLEASE SCAN AND LET US KNOW!**



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