



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*
ABBY MERK, KEVIN CRILEY, *Seminarians*
Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE Prelude in G, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

THE ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God heav'n - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

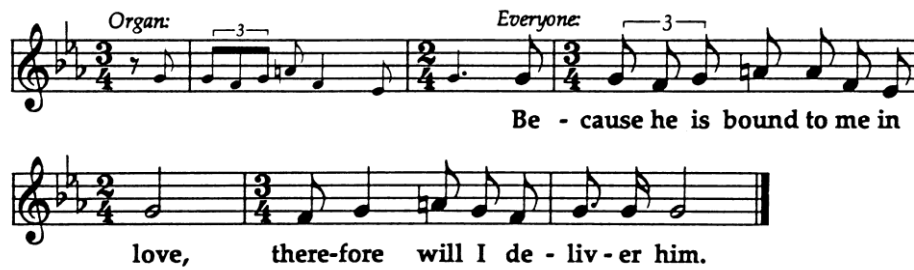
And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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 communion.



Choir: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, there shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. ANTIPHON

Choir: For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. ANTIPHON

Choir: You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my Name. ANTIPHON

Choir: He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time~ he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house~ for I have five brothers~ that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robbie Laughton

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say

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 people may kneel or stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor In the beginning,

People **God was.**

Intercessor Here and now,

People **God is.**

Intercessor In the future,

People **God will be.**

The response to each petition begins with "God, Giver of life,"

People **Hear our prayer.**

All pray

THE CONFESSION

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.

The Celebrant says

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled,
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table.
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.
Rich man Divies he lived so well,
And when he died he went straight to hell.
I love to shout, I love to sing,
I love to praise my heav'nly King.

Words: Spiritual
Music: Arr. Jester Hairston

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly—
 Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might, heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

AGNUS DEI FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts



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

701	Jesus, all my gladness	Jesu, meine Freude
545	Lo! What a cloud of witnesses	St. Fulbert

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 494	Crown him with many crowns	Diademata
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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Fugue in G, BWV 541	Johann Sebastian Bach
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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Kathleen McMulloch

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Donald O'Born, Nana Arthur

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, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Ken Barry, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Hadley Kimberlin, Benjamin Ens, Sam Brathwaite, Kimberly Richmond, Jan Greco, Lawrence Fedewa, Chris Feuall, Ted Gustin, Kevin Harkins, Reggie Rudy, Beth Fadeley, Brian Crowley