



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Meditation on *Union Seminary*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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.

PSALM 139

Peter Hallock

Psalm 139: 1a

Organ: *Everyone:*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

Choir: You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. **ANTIPHON**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love~ and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother~ especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The people stand and sing

HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

The response to each petition (God of love, freedom, generosity, peace, mercy, grace) is **We lift our prayers to you.**

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.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF MINISTRIES

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

I got shoes, you got shoes, all o' God's chillun got shoes.

When I get to heab'n, gonna put on my shoes, I'm gonna walk all over God's heab'n.

Everybody talkin' 'bout heav'n ain't a goin' there.

I got a robe, you got a robe, all o' God's chillun got a robe.

When I get to Heab'n, gonna put on my robe, I'm gonna wear it all over God's heab'n.

I got a wings, you got a wings, all o' God's chillum got a wings.

When I get to heab'n, gonna put on my wings, I'm gonna fly all over God's heab'n.

I got a harp, you got a harp, all God's chillum got a harp.

When I get to heab'n, gonna take up my harp, I'm gonna play it all over God's heab'n.

Traditional Spiritual, arr: Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

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:

SANCTUS FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world: give us your
peace; Je - sus re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

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.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

Music: Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

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Humbly I adore thee

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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

1. Not the build - ing, but the peo - ple; not just saints of long a -
 2. These are liv - ing stones who teach us how to build com - mun - it -
 3. Yet we know that long be - fore us oth - ers wor - shipped in this
 4. Nour - ished here by Word and Ta - ble, voic - ing thanks in song and

go, but the liv - ing folk who gath - er are the
 ty, how to join our gifts and ta - lents in shared
 place, leav - ing us a hal - lowed mem' - ry, ripe with
 prayer, we are strength - ened to be peo - ple formed by

church we tru - ly know. Here we find our place with
 tasks of min - i - stry. When com - pas - sion leads to
 pro - mise, full of grace. Though we cher - ish their ex -
 faith and called to care. Trust - ing in the Spi - rit's

o - thers, no more left to search a - lone, and we
 ac - tion, or lost hopes have been re - stored, then we
 am - ple, we must live in our own day, learn - ing
 guid - ance (gift be - stowed with - out re - serve), mind - ful

learn through one an - oth - er how to make God's pre - sence known.
 grasp with new a - ware - ness what u - nites us in the Lord.
 how to help our neigh - bor, liv - ing what we sing and pray.
 of the world a - round us, we go forth to love and serve.

Alexandria
 January 1, 2013

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Processional

William Mathias (1934-1992)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Dorothy Louise and Joseph Albert Vozar

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Margo Fitch, Bud Harvey, Nancy Norman Riggs

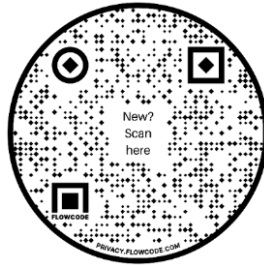
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

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,
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