



**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I – 8:00 A.M.**  
**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

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

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please stand and sing*

**OPENING HYMN 423**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*St. Denio*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 323*

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

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**KYRIE**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be 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.**

*The People stand.*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

*A period of silence for reflection follows 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition concludes with "Let us pray to the Lord."*

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

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.*

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*After the altar is prepared, all stand and sing*

### THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 380, VS 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The People remain standing.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

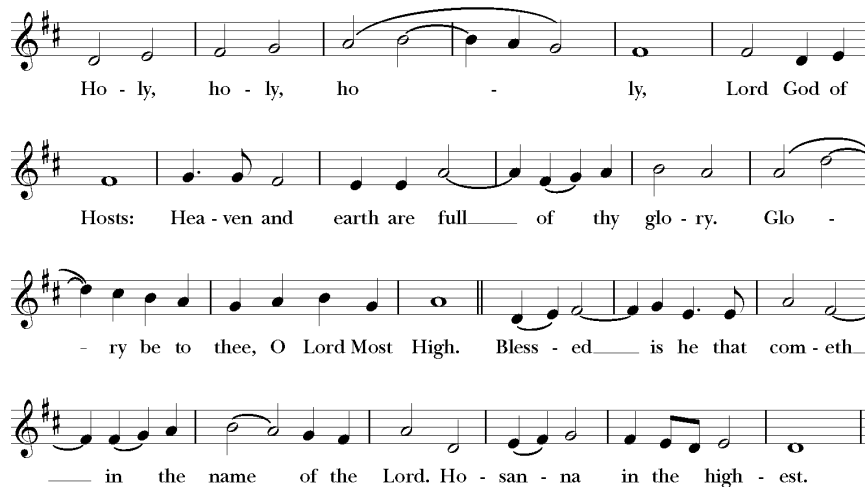
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord and God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### SANCTUS S-114

Healey Willan



*The People remain standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father...

By whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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;

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

*To receive Holy Eucharist, please follow the usher to the end of the aisle.*

*After all have received, the People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

HYMN 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Mit Freuden zart*

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### 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 Graft & 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