

Saint Christopher's Episcopal Church

A GROWING COMMUNITY OF LOVE, JOY, AND HOPE

*Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome.
Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now
through Jesus Christ. Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my
family, and you have a place in it".*

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 26

November 3, 2024

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GATHERING

Stand as you are able

Opening Hymn 372 (Blue Hymnal) *Praise to the living God!*

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

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

Amen.

Collect for Purity

Worship Leader:

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.*

The Gloria Hymn # S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day *Book of Common Prayer 235*

Worship Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Worship Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

All are seated

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119: 1-8

read responsively by the half verse

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- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

Epistle:

Hebrews 9: 11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Gospel Hymn: 495 (Blue Hymnal) *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (Mark 12: 28-34).**

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated

Sermon: The Rev. Paul Crips

Stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

BCP (blue) 358

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.

All stand or kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In our Episcopal Church cycle of prayer we pray for Holy Communion Church in Rock Springs and in our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the church of the Province of Southeast Asia.

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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 PEACE

Stand as you are able

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Doxology Hymn #380

**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. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting people of many tongues in the confession of one faith and giving to Your church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 taught us, we are bold to *sing* The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: O Come to the Altar

Verse 1

*Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling*

Verse 2

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows & trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling*

Verse 3

*Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found*

Chorus

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open
wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus
Christ*

Bridge

*Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen*

SENDING FORTH

The people stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar:

November 6, Men's Breakfast at Perkins, 8:30 am

November 7, Holy Eucharist, 11:30 am

Bible Study, noon-1:00 pm

November 8, DOK, 1:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMISSIONING OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(Inside back cover of BCP)

Recessional Hymn: *Alive in You*

Verse 1
From the beginning to the end
All my life is in Your hands
This whole world may hold me down
But it can never drown You out
I'm not merely flesh and bone
I was made for something more

Verse 2
Through the dark I hear Your voice
Rising up I will rejoice
For I was lost but now I'm found
'Cause even death can't hold You down

Chorus
You are God
You're the Great I AM
Breath of life I breathe You in
Even in the fire I'm alive in You
You are strong in my brokenness
Sovereign over ev'ry step
Even in the fire
I'm alive (I'm alive) in You

Bridge
It's no longer I who live
But Christ who lives within me
From beginning to the end
You deserve the glory
You deserve the glory

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

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