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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 28

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *My Lord, What a Morning* (R. Haan)
Introit *Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord* (W. Greatorex)
Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded* (Michael)

1 All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown, he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.

2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
 sword and crown betray his trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
 tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power, hour by hour,
 is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness e're endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore from his store
 new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth the almighty Giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand at his hand;
 joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

Trisagion **S102** *Holy God* (A. Archangelsky)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE FIRST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2A

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino*

William Russell
(1777–1813)



- 1 Sing to the / Lord a / new song, *
for he has done/ **mar-** / ve - lous / things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / ho - ly / arm *
has he / won for • him - / self the / victory.
- 3 The Lord has made / known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly / shown in • the / sight of • the / nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / house of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the / victo • - ry / of our / God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the / Lord, all • you / lands; *
lift up your / voice, re - / joice, and / sing.
- 6 Sing to the / Lord with • the / harp, *
with the / harp and • the / voice of / song.
- 7 With trumpets and the / sound of • the / horn *
shout with joy be- / fore the / King, the / Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and / all that • is / in it, *
the lands and / those who / dwell there- / in.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when / he comes • to / judge the / earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the / world *
and the / **peo-** / ples with / equity.

THE EPISTLE: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN ALLELUIA II: 34 *Surely it is God who saves me* (J. N. White)

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water
with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known
among the peoples;
see that they remember
that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *The Rev. Candice B. Frazer*

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 are Form VI found on page 392. *[Pause for a slow count to three]*

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 Donald our President, Kay our Governor, and Steven our mayor; 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 those on our parish prayer list Bo Henderson, Brett Hall, Paul Davis, Kenneth Mullinax, Bob Lewis, Brittney Calhoun, Debbie Mathis, Violet Monson and Family, Andi Silberman, Janet Hutto, George Thomas, Ann Lewis, Sue & Bill Hicks, Ann Thorington, Betty Godbold, Sophie Xides, Hugh Alsobrook, Marion Alli-

son, Ginny White, Lila Dryer, Bruce Salmon, Anne Waldo, 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 in the world...in our country...in our homes...and in our hearts, and for the peace and unity of the church of God, we pray to you, O Lord.**

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

For Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury select; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda and Brian, our bishops; for Candice and David our clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs of this congregation: For the discernment of the 13th bishop of Alabama:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the Diocese of Alabama, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; for the safety of our Armed Forces, serving here and abroad.

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, especially: Ascension Day School; and our capital campaign The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Joyce and Truman Hobbs, Sarah Ellen and Sam Hobbs, Emilie and Dexter Cummings, Dexter Cummings Hobbs Ruth and Dick Reid, 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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

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 Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest, stands and says

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Anthem Magnificat (C. V. Stanford) *The text of the Anthem is found in the Book of Common Prayer, at page 65.*

Presentation The Doxology (Old 100th)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

The people stand or kneel.

Sanctus **S130** *Holy, holy, holy* (F. Schubert)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Memorial Acclamation S135



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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.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say

Officiant and People

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S164 *Jesus, Lamb of God* (F. Schubert)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn *Alleluia II: 25* *Down by the riverside*

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;
gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.

Gonna put on my long white robe,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;

Gonna put on my golden shoes,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;

Gonna put on my starry crown,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;

Gonna talk to the Prince of Peace,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;

Gonna shake hands with everyone,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside,
down by the riverside;

Communion Hymn *Alleluia II: 22 Give thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;

Give thanks...

Lay Eucharistic Commission

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

*May the peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

Processional Hymn 437 *Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham)*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Voluntary *Partita on "Beach Spring" (W. B. Roberts)*

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Family this
Advent Season



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My Soul**

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