

October 31, 2021 10 AM: The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Voluntary I, Op. 6, No. 1

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I. *Adagio*

II. *Allegro moderato*

The Entrance Hymn: 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing (*over*)

The Word of God (page 355 BCP)

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Flowing, not slow

PRIEST and on earth peace to Peo - ple of good will.
TUTTI
Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

We praise You, we bless You, we a - dore You,

we glo - ri - fy You, we give You thanks for Your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav - 'nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

You take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

You take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us;

A Tempo

For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

with emphasis on each syllable

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

Rit...

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**
Celebrant: Let us pray together.

All: **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 Lessons

Please be seated

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-18

Reader: A Reading from Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far

more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 146 (*Said in unison*)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

The Reader: A reading from Hebrews

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!

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The Gradual Hymn: Not for tongues of heaven's angels (*over*)

C7 F G C C/Bb F G7

1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, not for wis - dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their

Csus4 C Am7 Gm Eb7 D D/C

cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this
 kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
 wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall

Gm F7 Gm/Bb C7 Am Dm7 Gm C F

bet - ter gift we yearn:
 ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long:
 reign in ev - ery heart:

The Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Please stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

Please stand.

**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: *(Intercessions for the Christian People)*

Intercessor: The law that transforms the wasteland into a land of milk and honey is the law of love. Trusting in God's promise to lead us more deeply into that land, let us ask with confidence for all we need, saying: Teach us your ways, O God; hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for the leaders of this country, that they may govern with justice and mercy, mindful of their responsibility to the world's poor. Teach us your ways, O God;

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for the church that, as a sign of your loving embrace, it may call all to share in your reign. Teach us your ways, O God:

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for ministers everywhere, that you may strengthen them in their desire to serve. Teach us your ways, O God;

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for this community of faith, that we may learn to love with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. Teach us your ways, O God;

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for the unloved of this world, for those who are widowed, orphaned, and friendless, for those who are homeless and alone, [for N.,] and for all who experience alienation, that you may touch them with your compassion. Teach us your ways, O God;

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: We pray for all those who have died [especially N.], that they may find eternal life in your loving presence. Teach us your ways, O God;

All: Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: Loving God, inscribe your words upon our hearts, that, carrying them with us out into the world, we may reveal your reign to all those we meet upon our way. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our guide and goal. Amen.

The Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)

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

Silence may be kept.

**All: 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

Please pass the peace by nodding or bowing to those around you. Please do not shake hands or hug any other worshippers.

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

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Choir Anthem

The Gift of Love

American Folk Tune
Arr. by Hal Hopson

The Presentation Hymn: 380 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be -

low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP, p. 367)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —

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

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, made

us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: 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 hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns

602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (over)

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

711 Seek ye first

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 and its righteousness,
 and all these things shall be added unto you;
 Allelu, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
 seek, and ye shall find,
 knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
 Allelu, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

The Postcommunion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

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 Celebrant Blesses the People.

Recessional Hymn: 551 Rise up, ye saints of God

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the congregation and everyone responds:

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Voluntary I, Op. 6, No. 1
 III. *Spiritoso*

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