



Sunday, October 13, 2024- 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord (LEVAS 129)

1 I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it told thy love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be closer drawn to thee. Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed lord, To the cross where thou has died, Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, To thy precious bleeding side.

2 Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, By the pow'r of grace divine; Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, And my will be lost in thine. Refrain

3 Oh, the pure delight of a single hour That before thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Refrain

4 There are depths of love that I cannot know Till I cross the narrow sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with thee. Refrain

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

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

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.**

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. 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, Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. 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. Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen. (LEVAS 243)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us Pray

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Amos

5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from the letter of Hebrews

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

God is so good

(LEVAS 222)

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:17-31

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. James Wallis

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.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. 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 Presiding Bishop Michael, Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean, our Bishop Elizabeth and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

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

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.

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.

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.

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrations of Life – Welcome visitors – Blessings, Birthdays, and Anniversaries For a Birthday

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Holy Communion *Gluten free communion is available.*

Presentation of the Elements

Offertory Anthem **“Agnus Dei”** **Gené Grier**
Olivia O’Brien, soprano; Zoë Palmer, mezzo-soprano

Presentation of Offering **From all the dwell below the Skies** **(H 380 v.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. Amen

The 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 our 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. 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:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (LEVAS 255)

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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say;

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

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.* (LEVAS 268)**

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 Hymn Humbly I adore thee (LEVAS 314)

*1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined
within the cloud.*

*2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces
through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken,
that for truth I hold.*

Announcements

Best Buddies Potluck: Please join Best Buddies for a Fellowship Potluck today in the Parish Hall! Learn more about Best Buddies and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Greeters needed at 10 am service: As we all know Epiphany is a friendly, welcoming Parish and without greeters to meet parishioners and visitors-we lose our identity. Please consider being a Greeter- it is not hard. Be at the front door at 9:45am, welcome people and give them a bulletin. If they are a visitor, ask them to sign the guest book. Please see Betty-Jeanne or email 2015epiphany@gmail.com to be a part of this important ministry.

Food Drive: The Food Drive for the month of October for EpiCenter is peanut butter, fruit cups, applesauce and jelly. Please put your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you so much for supporting the families of Las Vegas!

Angel Food Ministry: The Angel Food Ministry brings meals to parishioners who have a temporary need due to a medical emergency or crisis. This ministry is done on an as-needed basis. If you would like to join this important ministry, please see Laura Canon or sign up at the Information Table in the Narthex.

Art Classes: The next art class is a Painting Class Saturday, Oct. 26th in Parish Hall 10a-Noon (\$7).

Flowers on the Altar: If you desire to remember a loved one or have an in thanksgiving for, please use the yellow form in the Narthex. Please place form and check in the Alms Basin or give to the Parish Administrator.

Epiphany E-Newsletter: Every Thursday, the Epiphany E-Newsletter is sent to everyone on the mailing list. If you are not receiving it, please sign up with your email address at the Information Table in the Narthex. This newsletter contains the most up-to-date information on events and news for Epiphany.

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*Our mission is to create and nurture disciples to share our journey to know
and to love Jesus Christ*

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