



Sunday, November 17, 2024- 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn Heal me, hands of Jesus (WLP 773)

1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away; let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

3 Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin; dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

4 Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

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 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. (S-277)

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

10:11-14,15-18,19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Come My Way

(H 487 v3)

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13:1-8

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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 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 understand 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

Seek Ye First

(H 711)

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia

Presentation of Offering

Doxology

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 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. (S-124)

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. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (S-154)

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 Come, risen Lord and deign to be our guest (H 306)

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

2 We meet, as in that upper room they met; thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand: "This is my body": so thou givest yet; faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3 One with each other, Lord, and one in thee, who art one Savior and one living Head; then open thou our eyes that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Recessional Hymn Thy kingdom come! (H 615 v 1,2,4,5)

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong; and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

4 the day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad; the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

2024 Vestry

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Announcements

Pie Palooza: Save the date! This year's "Pie Palooza" will be held on Sunday, November 24th. It will consist of a "Best Pie" contest; pies to enjoy after the 10am service; and pies for sale.

Winter Wonderland: We are looking for volunteers to participate in Winter Wonderland on Saturday December 14th. You can also assist the Church School by donating whatever you are able towards the purchase of gift cards. If you are interested in attending please pick up the 1/2 sheet and sign up on the clipboard. Please see Betty-Jeanne if you have any questions.

A Gratitude Open House: All are invited! We thank you for being a part of Epiphany Episcopal Church. This will be on Saturday December 7th 3 pm to 5 pm in the Parish Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Advent Study: Please join us for the advent study: "People, Look East: Welcoming Christmas". This will be Sundays at 9 am in the Parish Hall on December 1, 8, 15, 22.

Epicenter Thanksgiving Food Drive: Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our highly successful October food drive! With Thanksgiving approaching, let's help out the least fortunate in our community. Our November requests are for packets of meats or tuna, canned soup, crackers, canned fruit, mac and cheese boxes, and canned lasagna and spaghetti. Let's fill up our basket in the narthex to overflowing again!

Flowers on the Altar: If you would like flowers on a given Sunday, please fill out yellow form and place in the basket along with your check. Let me know what Sunday you want.

Epiphany E-Newsletter: Every Thursday, the Epiphany E-Newsletter is sent to everyone on the mailing list. Please let Betty-Jeanne know and she will update and see you are receiving this newsletter with information on events and news for Epiphany..

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and to love Jesus Christ***

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