



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



Hope Episcopal Church
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

October 12, 2025 10:00 AM

The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at office@hopeepiscopal.org.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST *(also known as Ordinary time)*

The season of the church from Pentecost to Advent in some denominations is called Ordinary Time. The Episcopal church does not refer it as Ordinary time but numbers the Sundays after Pentecost. Even though it is called ordinary time it is far from ordinary.

The church has been through the season of Advent (*preparing for the arrival of Christ*), Christmas (*the incarnation of the baby Jesus*), Epiphany (*Jesus' journey of his ministry*), Ash Wednesday and Lent (*time to evaluate our lives*), Easter (*the death and resurrection of our Lord*), and finally Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. After a busy beginning of the church year, maybe it is time for a little ordinary time. But, if we think about it this can be a time when the real miracle of life can be experienced. A time of loving what is, instead of thinking of just what is possible or worrying about what has been.

So, as we move through ordinary time (*Pentecost season*) we can stop and think about what an extraordinary gift this time really is. Time to explore, time to follow Christ's journey and as we approach the end of Pentecost maybe we will be more prepared to start the season of Advent.

CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



Scan the QR Code below to check our more information about the Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign



Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ☩ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

“Father, We Praise Thee”

Gerhard Krapf

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

Playground

Goal: \$6500

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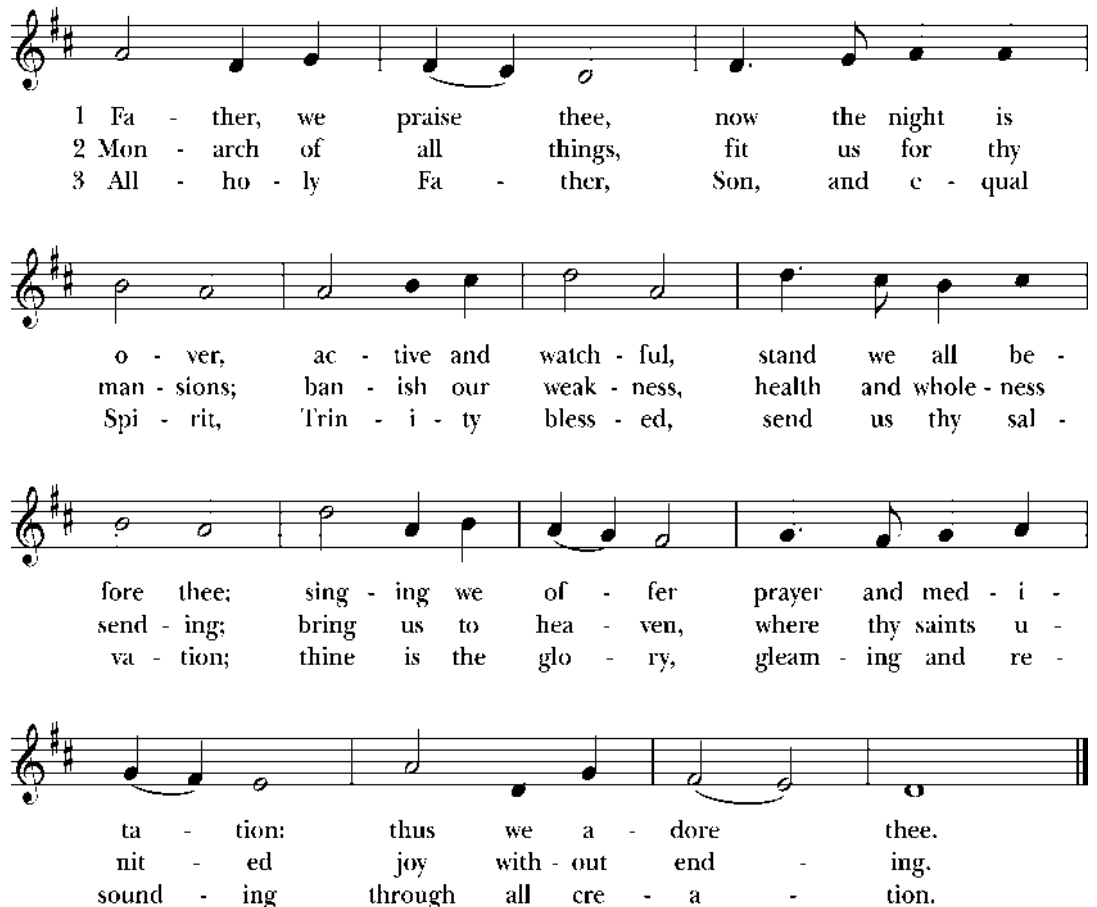
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THE WORD OF GOD

☩ Processional Hymn

#1 - “Father, We Praise Thee”



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

✦ The Acclamation

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

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

✦ The Collect for Purity

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.

✦ The Gloria

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
we will wor - ship him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

✦ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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 ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Psalms 66:1-11

Lector: We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
**sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector A Reading from second Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful-
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

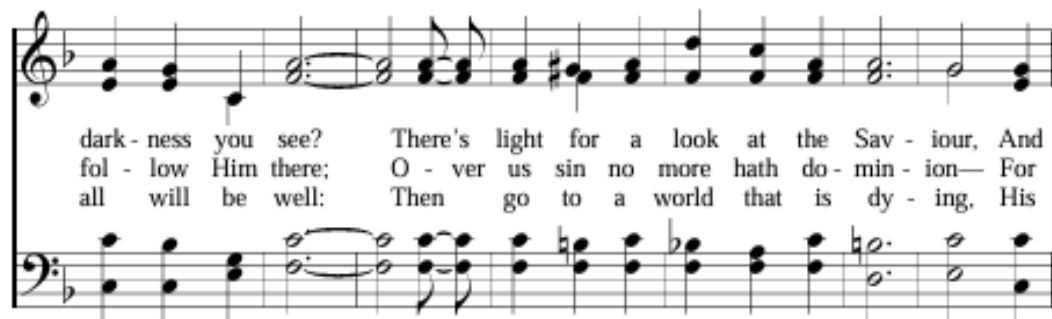
♣ Gradual Hymn

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

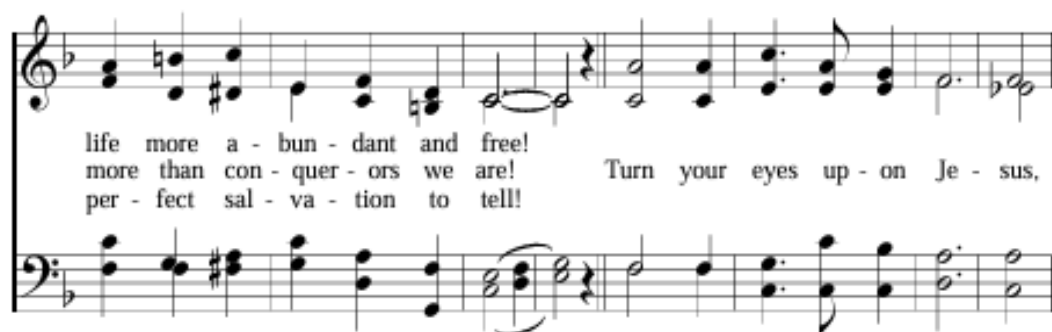
Congregation stands.



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
3. His word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - iour, And
fol - low Him there; O - ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion— For
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



life more a - bun - dant and free!
more than con - quer - ors we are! Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!



Look full in His won - der - ful face, And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

✠The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. ✠✠✠

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Bob Sims, Verger

The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

✠The Nicene Creed

To be read in unison.

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

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us offer our prayers to the Living God, who sends the Spirit to guide the Church, renew the world, and anchor us in holy promise.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the holy Church of God in every place, and for this parish family of Hope Church: that we may bear faithful witness in word and deed, grounded in grace and alive to the movement of the Spirit.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the 175th anniversary of Hope Church, with deep thanksgiving for all who have loved and led us across the generations. May the stories we remember stir our courage, and may the promises we carry shape a future full of grace.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the Hope Always campaign, and for all who offer their gifts of time, treasure, and prayer, that our common life may reflect our shared commitment to the Gospel and our trust in the days yet to come.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the blessing of our church grounds, and especially the memorial playground given in loving memory of Nancy Wesley and all who have cherished the next generation. May this place welcome laughter, joy, and growth for many years to come.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the reunification of our diocese with the Diocese of Bethlehem, and the formation of the new Diocese of the Susquehanna. Bless all who labor in this holy work. Knit us together in faith and mission, and guide us into a future filled with creativity, strength, and shared purpose.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the world and all its peoples: for peace among nations, for justice in every land, and for all who work for the healing and reconciliation of communities.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For the sick and the suffering, for the lonely and the lost, and for all who have asked for our prayers, that they may be comforted and restored by your presence.

God of every season, help us to hope always.

For those who have died, and for all whose memory shapes this church community, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. May their witness guide us, and may we be faithful stewards of the hope they carried.

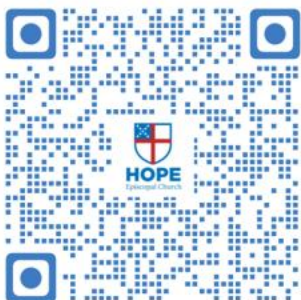
God of every season, help us to hope always.

The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.



Celebrant

Gracious God, you have called us together in love and purpose. Hear our prayers, and guide us into your future with hearts open to your grace and lives committed to your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon says

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.

Silence

The Absolution

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

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

The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:

- 1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin*
- 2. Text: "[AMOUNT]" to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.*
- 3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to "Hope Episcopal Church". You may designate any ministry in the 'memo' line.*

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Offertory Hymn #408 -“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”



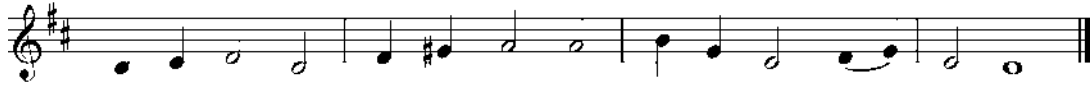
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.”

This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

Sursum Corda: Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Doxology

The congregation stands

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.

Celebrant All things come from you, O God.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

✠The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

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 peoples 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:

♣ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

The people kneel or stand.

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

might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: 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.

Sanctus: Sanctus means "holy." We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

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.

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.

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 Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,
Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

Our Father, who art in heaven,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cie-
hallowed be thy Name,	lo, santificado sea tu nombre;
thy kingdom come,	venga tu reino;
thy will be done,	hágase tu voluntad
on earth as it is in heaven.	en la tierra como en el cie-
Give us this day our daily bread.	lo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
And forgive us our trespasses,	día. Perdona nuestras ofensas,
as we forgive those	como también nosotros perdona-
who trespass against us.	mos a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation,	No nos dejes caer en la tentación
but deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Porque tuyo es el reino,
and the power, and the glory,	el poder y la gloria,
for ever and ever. Amen.	ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. 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.

Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Music During Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

Breaking of Bread

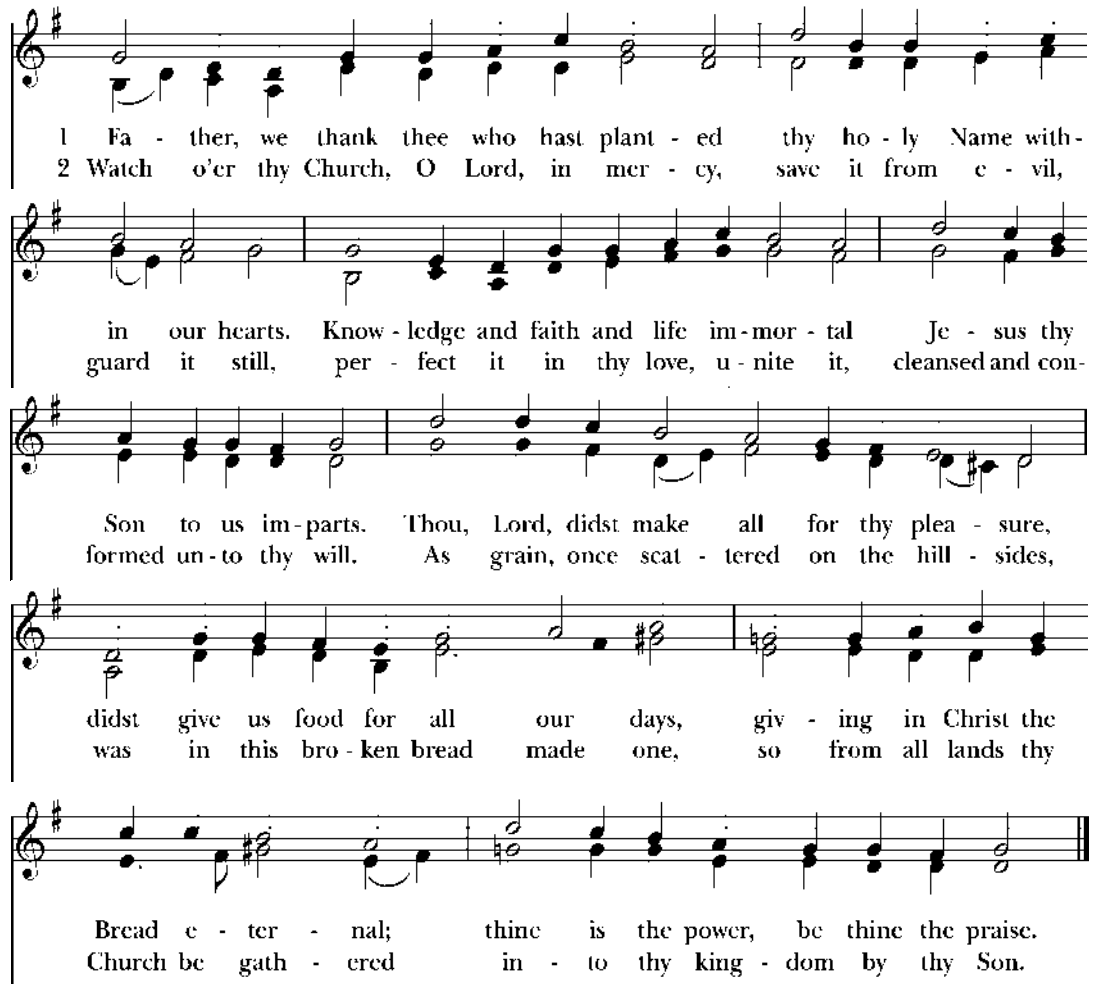
The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

Post Communion Hymn

#302 - "Father, We Thank Thee"



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with-
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
 in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con-
 Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,
 didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy
 Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

The Thanksgiving

The congregation stands

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 Recessional Hymn

#397 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,
 who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joic-es;
 With ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven,
 who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

✦The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Sebastian Bach

The Blessing and Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

This Month's Birthdays:

10/2 - Tiffany Fiore
10/4 - Nancy Rinehart
10/5 - Bob Longo
10/11 - Peighton Geib
10/15 - Lucy Longo
10/20 - Cindy Rubendall
10/23 - Connie Lerch
10/26 - Aaron Dupler
10/30 - Amelia Dissinger
10/31 - David Steinke

This Month's Anniversaries:

10/10 - David & Janelle
Weckerly
10/22 - Casey & Stephanie
Hynick
10/28 - Mike & Sam Geib

***Thank you to Bob & Mary
Sims for providing lunch
today!***

If you'd like to sign up to provide lunch, there is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!

Worship Servers

October 12, 2025

Ushers - Steve Norton, Jim Burchik
Lectors - Lynette Brown (1st), Stephanie Seaman (PS), Keegan Brown (2nd)
Prayers of the People - Lydia Engle
Altar Guild - Bob Sims
Crucifer - Keegan Brown
Acolytes - J.D. Hynick
LEM - Bob Sims

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice, Barbara, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, Kyle, Betsy, Bud Dissinger, and our Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland & all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harrisburg
The Church of the Province of Uganda

To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.

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Sing praise to God who reigns above, #408 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, #301 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

Now thank we all our God, #397 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).



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