

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*Sunday, October 22, 2023*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## Binghamton's First Church

***Explore your faith, connect in community, serve others***

*Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.*

*The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.*

*We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.*

*Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail. Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.*

# GATHERING

Welcome

Voluntary

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn*

Opening Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

*Duke Street*

The Opening Acclamation

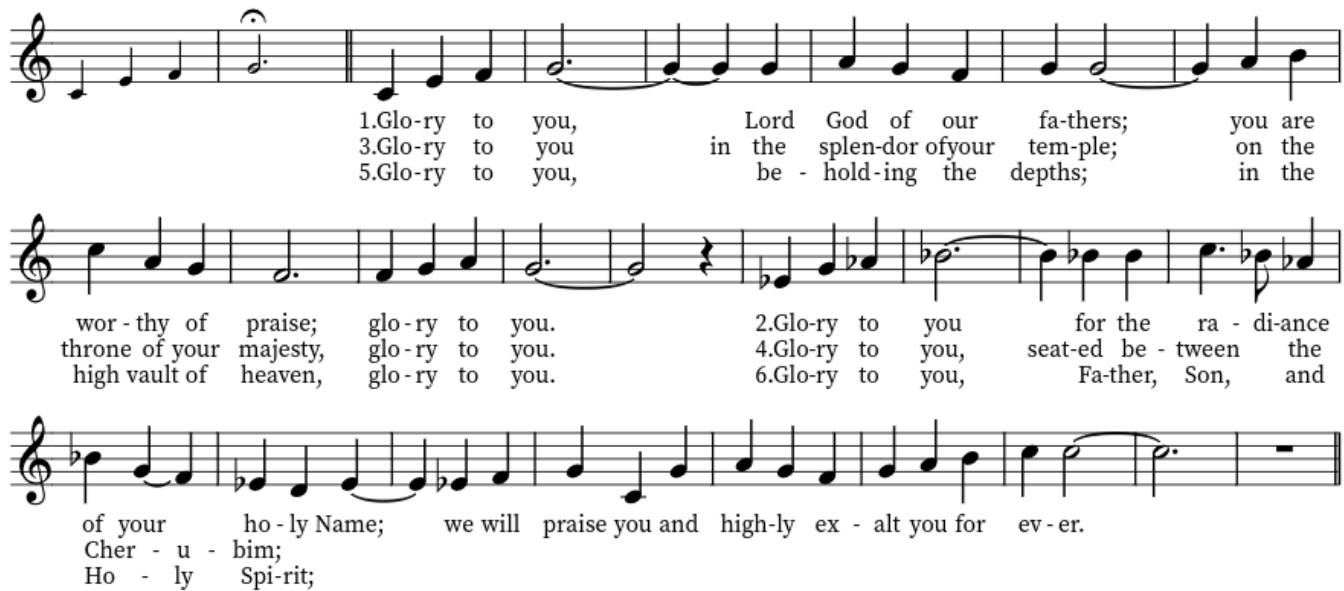
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

S236



1.Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are  
3.Glo-ry to you, in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the  
5.Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the

wor - thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance  
throne of your majesty, glo-ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the  
high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you. 6.Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and

of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
Cher - u - bim;  
Ho - ly Spi-rit;

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The congregation may be seated*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Book of Exodus

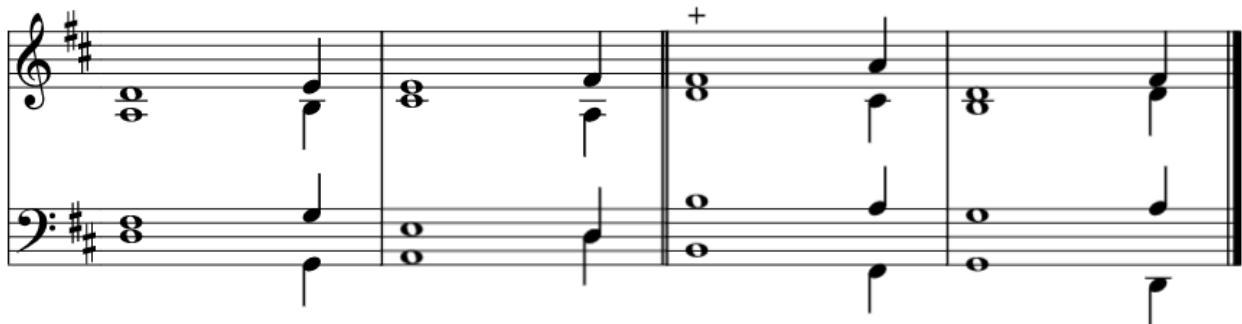
Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

*Exodus 33:12-23*

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

### Psalm 99

*James Webster Meachen*



1 The LORD is King;  
let the people **tremble**; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth **shake**.

2 The LORD is great in **Zion**; \*  
he is high above all **peoples**.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and **awesome**; \*  
he is the Holy **One**.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established **equity**; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in **Jacob**."



5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his **footstool**; \*  
he is the Holy **One**.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his **Name**, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he **answered them**.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of **cloud**; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he **gave them**.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them **indeed**; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil **deeds**.

+9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy **hill**; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy **One**.

### A Reading from the Letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

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

## The Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Matthew 22:15-22*

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated after the Gospel book has been placed on the altar*

## The Sermon

Mark Smith, *Senior Warden*

## 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. 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

NZPB

*The congregation responds with the emboldened words following each petition.*

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to God saying, "God, hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our bishop; for the clergy of Christ Church, Mother Katrina, Father Jim, and Deacon Kay; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the city of Binghamton, and for every city and community, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Olivia DeSola-Barnes, and for all the departed, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

You are welcome at this time to offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

*Celebrant*

Gracious God, as we envision a new era at Christ Church, we recall your deep compassion, unfailing presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the rich history, resources, talents, and faith with which you have blessed us. Guide us to be honest in our self-reflection and open in our discernment; inspire us to be tireless in our commitment, imaginative about our future, and ever daring in our faith; continue to raise up leaders among us; and fill us with hope as we seek your will for our parish, rejoicing with you as we serve others and proclaim your love. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Confession

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,

and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion; those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy know. If you need to receive communion seated in the pew, due to mobility or dog, please let the ushers know.*

## Offertory

Love the Lord

*Mark Schweitzer (1959-2019)*

Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sov'reign die? Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I? O who is like Jesus? Halleluia, Praise ye the Lord! There's none like Jesus, Halleluia, Love and serve the Lord! Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker died, For mortal creature's sin. O who is like Jesus? Halleluia, Praise ye the Lord! There's none like Jesus, Halleluia, Love and serve the Lord! —*Issac Watts (1674-1748)*

*The congregation stands*

**Presentation Hymn 408**

Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Mit freuden Zart*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*Leader* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Leader* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Leader* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

## Sanctus

S125

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Then the Celebrant continues*

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, and 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

## Fraction Anthem

S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the  
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### Communion Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

*trad. African American*

I want Jesus to walk with me; All along my pilgrim journey. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; When the shades of life are falling. In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; When my heart within is aching.

### Post Communion Prayer

*The congregation stands*

*Celebrant* Let us pray,

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Blessing

The Lord Bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
Grace to risk something big for something good,  
Grace to remember that the world is now  
too dangerous for anything but truth,  
and too small for anything but love.  
May God take your minds and think through them;  
May God take your lips and speak through them;  
take your hands and work through them.  
And May God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
Be blessed now and bless others with love. Amen.

## Sending Forth

Processional Hymn 594

God of grace and God of glory

CWM Rhondda

Dismissal

Voluntary

Counterpoint in A Major

James Woodman (b.1957)

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Suzanne Barnes in loving memory of her granddaughter, Olivia DeSola-Barnes on the anniversary of her 13th birthday, October 23rd.*

*Thank you to Mark Smith and Father Jim Jones for covering the service while Mother Katrina is away.*