

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 29, 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 551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

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

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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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Deuteronomy

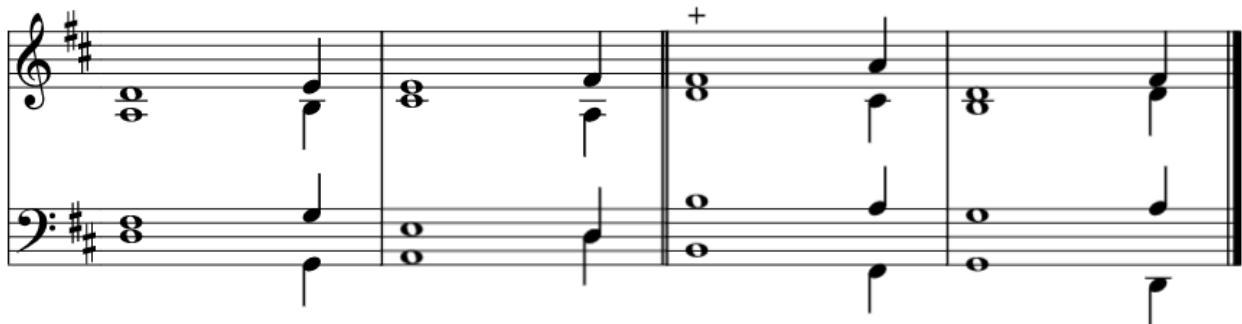
Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

James Webster Meachen



1 Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to **another**.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were **born**, *
from age to age you are **God**.

3 You turn us back to the dust and **say**, *
"Go back, O child of **earth**."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is **past** *
and like a watch in the **night**.

5 You sweep us away like a **dream**; *
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.



6 In the morning it is green and **flourishes**; *
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.

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 to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

Sequence Hymn 605

What does the Lord require

Sharpthorne

The Gospel

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22:34-46

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

Stewardship

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, 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

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Richard Shepherd (1955-2021)

Sometimes a light surprises The Christian while he sings
It is the Lord who rises, With healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain. In holy
contemplation We sweetly then pursue The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new; Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say, Let the unknown tomorrow
Bring with it what it may. Yet God the same abiding
His praise shall tune my voice, For while in him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice. Who gives the lilies clothing,
Will clothe his people, too; And we shall want for nothing,
Our God will hear us through.

—*William Cowper (1731-1800)*

The congregation stands

Presentation Hymn 408

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

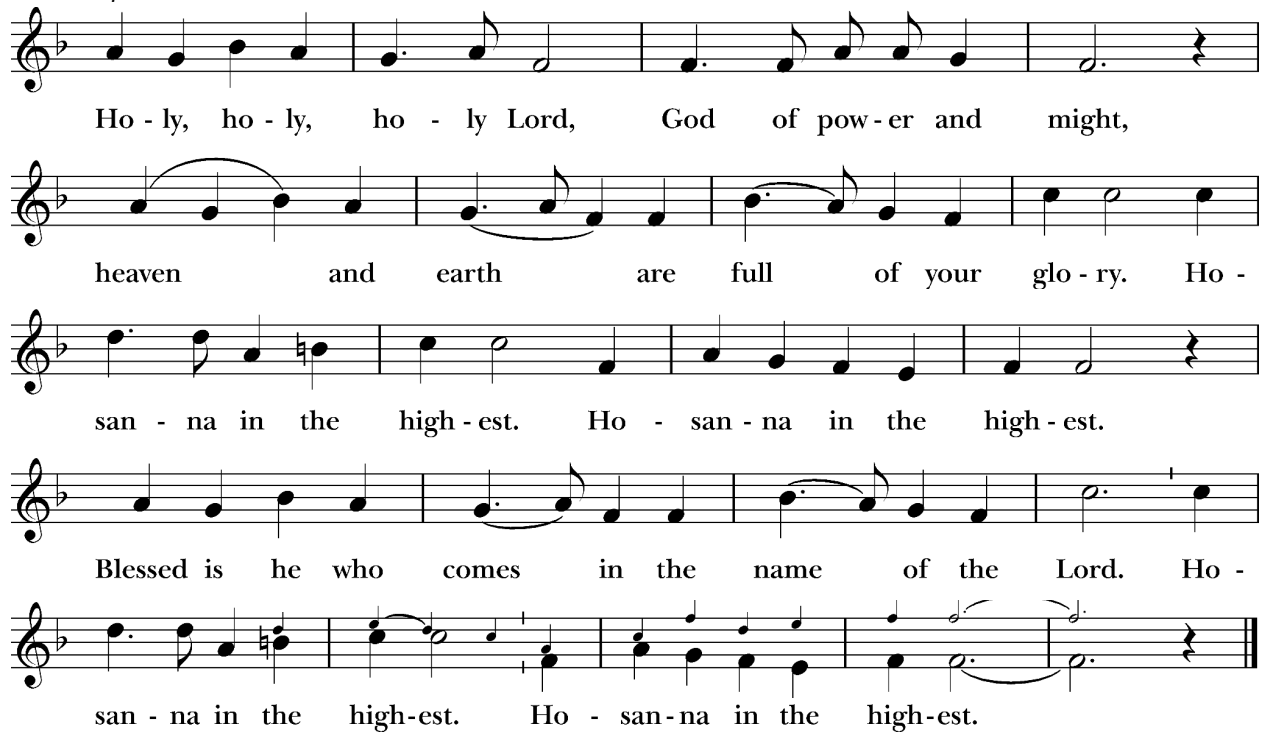
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

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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.

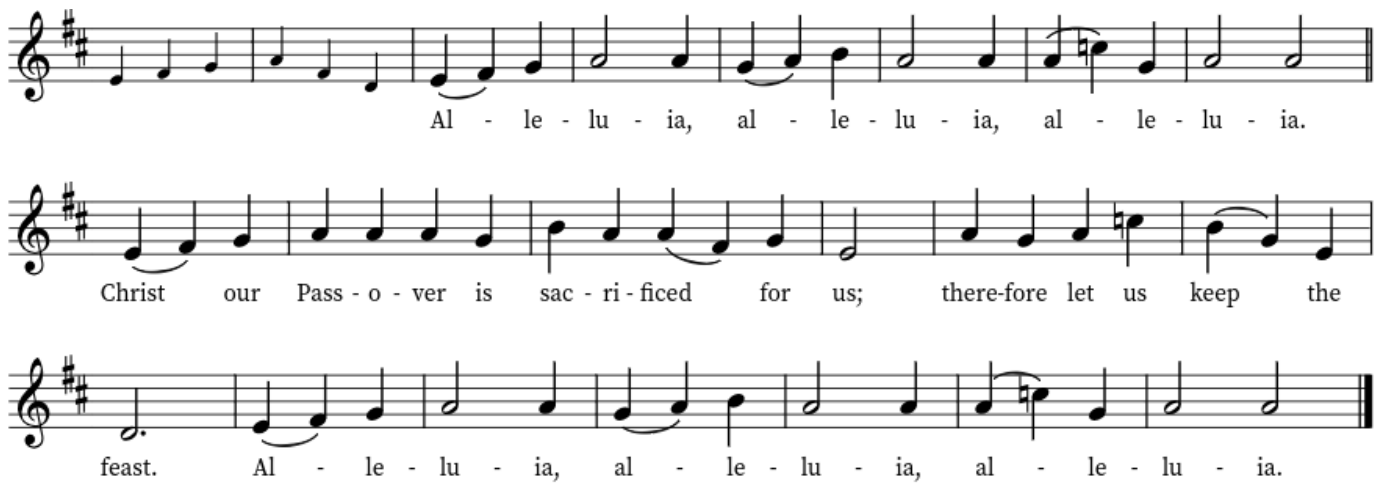
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

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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

Jesus Said: The First Commandment is This

Charles Rus (b. 1960)

Jesus said: The first commandment is this: Here, O Israel, The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

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 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde Munter

Dismissal

Voluntary

Sortie

César Franck (1822-1890)