

## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – OCTOBER 13, 2024

WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

READINGS: Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Our Readers: Sally Graham and Jan Rhein

Organ: Pastorale - Don Michael Dicie

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Hymn 408: Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above, The God Of All Creation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's 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.

#### All sing (insert): Glory To You, Lord God Of Our Fathers, Glory To You

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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

#### A Reading from the Prophet Amos

In our opening reading, the prophet denounces corruption and injustice, but offers hope to those who seek the Lord and love good.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! You hate the one who reproves in the gate, and you abhor the one who speaks the truth. Because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you shall not live in your houses built from stone; you shall not drink the wine of your pleasant vineyards. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you. If you do this, it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will turn and be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*In Psalm 90, the psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life and asks God for wisdom in making use of time. The cantor sings the refrain; all repeat; and sing as indicated by R.*



Teach us to num-ber our days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Return, O Lord, how long will you Tarry? Be gracious to your servants. R. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. R. Show your servants your works and your splendor to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R.

## A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

This reading reminds us that the Lord's word is active, probing the human heart and all creation. We can boldly approach God's throne because Jesus has known our weaknesses and temptations.

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

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

*All stand The cantor sings "alleluia"; all repeat, and sing again after the verse.*



V. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. R. Alleluia (3x)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was setting out on a journey, and suddenly a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" The man replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, gazing thoughtfully at him, said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Jesus spoke to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were perplexed at these words. Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked carefully at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

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. *(continued)*

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.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do,  
let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself,  
let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them,  
let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

*Prayers are offered on behalf of the world and our nation; the Church and its members; our family, friends and loved ones; for those in need, trouble, want or sickness; and for the departed.*

In our Diocese: All Saints, East Lansing; Trinity Church, Farmington Hills

In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; The Episcopal Church of the Philippines.

For those on our prayer list: Marion Dice, Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Bill Steiner, Christopher. For all the departed. For Anne Grayr, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning; and for Sarah Kittle, colleague of Joseph Daniel-Hoste.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together:*

Have mercy upon us; **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, 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.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May God's peace be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet each other briefly.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.*

Anthem: Be Present, O Jesus - Lance A. Massey

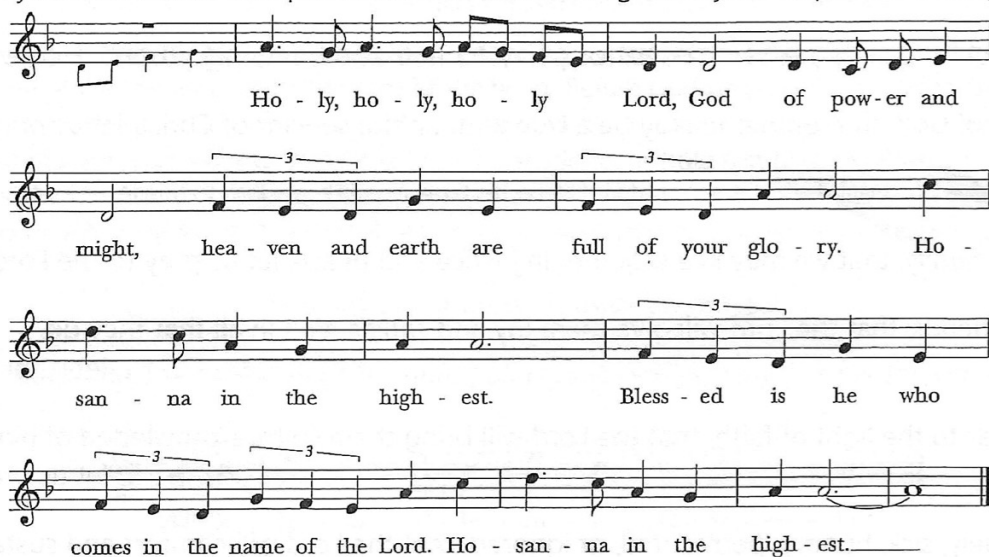
Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present to your disciples,  
be known to us in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. (text: ancient atraditional, author unknown)

*After the anthem, all stand for the presentation of the oblations.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We lift our hearts to you with thanks and praise . . . who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*



The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.  
Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

### Communion Hymn 707: Take My Life And Let It Be, Consecrated, Lord To Thee

*After all have received, please stand and pray together:*

Everliving God; We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are the living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.  
Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn 460, vs. 1, 3-5: Alleluia! Sing To Jesus! His The Sceptre, His The Throne

Organ: Celebration - John Rutter

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