THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — NOVEMBER 10, 2024 WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY LAURA LYNCH & FAMILY IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOIS HEARNE MCMAHON AND IN HONOR OF HER NOVEMBER 14^{H} BIRTHDAY.

READINGS: 1 KINGS 17:8-16; PSALM 146; HEBREWS 9:24-28; MARK 12:38-44

OUR READERS: BRIAN PAYTON AND SALLY GRAHAM

Organ: Grave and Andante from Sonata No. 2, Op. 65 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn 686: Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing; Tune -"Nettleton"

THE WORD OF GOD

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.



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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading From The First Book Of Kings

From the Hebrew scriptures we hear the story of the food which God provided for the prophet Elijah and the widow of Sidon. The word of the Lord is powerful to fulfill its promise even beyond the borders of Isarael.

The prophet Elijah foretold a drought in the land of Israel, so great that a famine was starving the people. The word of the Lord came to him: "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." Now the people of Sidon did not worship the God of Israel. Elijah went to Zarephath, and at the gate of the town he found a widow gathering sticks. He called to her, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." She went to get the water, and he added: "Also bring me a morsel of bread." The women replied, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare a last meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." But Elijah spoke, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For the Lord the God of Israel says: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, and she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that was spoken by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 is a hymn to the Lord, who forms the world and rules in justice, who heals and cares for the orphan and widow. The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and sing as indicated at R.



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. R. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God; R. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. R. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked. The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

This reading tells how Christ, the eternal high priest, has entered into the heavenly sanctuary to present the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of himself for sins.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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



V. Be watchful and ready, for you know not when the Son of Man is coming. 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 teaching in the temple. He said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the temple treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the bronze coffers. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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.

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

Let us pray for the needs of the world, calling to our loving God, and responding, "Hear our prayer."

Our parish prayer list: Tom Casey, Lori Pranior, Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber, Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Christopher.

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.

May God's peace be with you always. And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

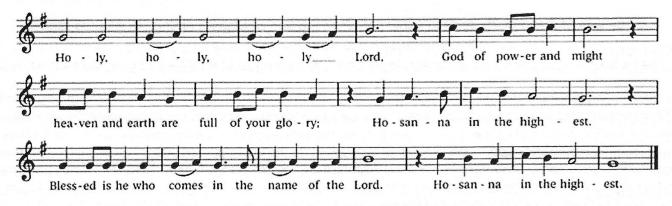
All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, kindly keep your hands folded.

Anthem: How Shall I Sing That Majesty? - Ryan Hebert 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.

God of judgment and mercy, we rejoice to give you thanks and praise . . .

And so with all the company of heaven we gladly sing the praise of your glory:



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

After the breaking of the bread:



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 656: Blest are the pure in heart; Tune – "Franconia"

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 593: Lord, make us servants of your peace; Tune - "Dickinson College"

Organ: Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 2, Op. 65 - Mendelssohn

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