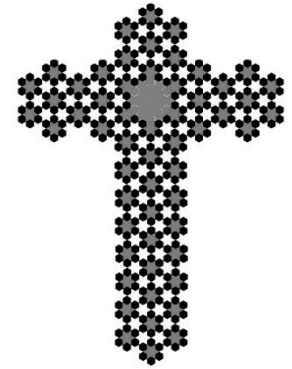


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2020
10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.

J.S. Bach
Bells of Hope

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

- A** 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 GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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[Please stand when invited.]

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye they glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P 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.
C Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6,13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Deuteronomy, Chapter 34...*

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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

[Please remain seated.]

***You have been our strong refuge, Lord, Each age has praised your Name;
Before hills, land, and earth were born, Still you have been the same.***

***You turn us to the dust and say, "Go back," for in your sight
A thousand ages past are but A brief watch in the night.***

***You sweep us all away like dreams, We fade away like grass;
At daybreak green and flourishing, By evening dry and past.***

***Lord, let the splendor of your works Shine brightly as the sun;
May all God's goodness rest on us; Prosper what we have done.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2*

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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand.]

***O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.***

The Gospel

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

☪ **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.

ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

[Please be seated.]

Michael Durning

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☩ 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

[Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☩ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

ℒ Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

☩ Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith.

ℒ Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and the common good.

☩ Where there is despair, let us sow hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

ℒ Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [especially . . . read names in notebook], and those we name aloud or in our hearts [leave time . . .]. Help us to be the answers to the prayers of those who cry out to you.

☩ Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

ℒ Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation. We give you thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God and in memory of all our loved ones who have departed this earth and in honor of those remaining who keep their memories alive, and for the birthdays this coming week of Hilda Myers, Melinda Dube, Beth Brinsko, Nancy Redd, Mike Mahan, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Briony & Michael Tomalesky, and for all the blessings of this life. Please give thanks for your blessings, silently or aloud. [Leave time.] Give us open hands and hearts.

☩ For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

ℒ We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially . . . read names in notebook], and those we name aloud or in our hearts [leave time . . .], that your will for them may be fulfilled;

☩ For it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

ℒ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☩ Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

ℒ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *[Silence is kept.]*
Have mercy upon us,

☩ 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.

ℒ 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 GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]

ℒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☞ Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

THE OFFERTORY *Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* Ghanian

[Please be seated.]

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- ☞ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

***As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

☞ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

☞ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- Ⓟ 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:
- Ⓞ **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
- Ⓟ 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.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
☑ **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

- ☐ Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Break.
☑ **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**
- ☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
[Please be seated.]

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: ***To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.***]

THE CHANT

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

***Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.***

***Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.***

***Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

☐ Let us pray...

☑ **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☐ Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

***Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

***Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme.
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Frank & Sandy Kneen
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Phil & Carol Beauchamp
Building & Grounds	Iris Brookins