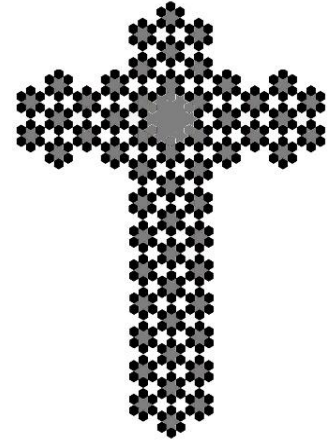


# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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**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.

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Cyril V. Taylor  
Bells of Hope/Organ

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

H. 390 vs 1-4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING:

Ruth 1:1-18

*Lector* The First Reading is taken from Ruth chapter 1...

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Sing praise to God, My soul, give God your praise;  
Throughout my life will I praise God, Sing praise through all my days.**

**Do not rely on human help, In rulers place no trust,  
For when they die, they and their plans Return again to dust.**

**How happy those whose hope is in The God whom Jacob knew,  
Who made the heavens, earth, and sea, Whose promises are true.**

**To those oppressed, the Lord our God Gives justice constantly;  
God feeds the hungry, and all those In prison are set free.**

**THE SECOND READING**

Hebrews 9:11-14

*Lector* The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 9...

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Be Thou My Vision

H.488 vs. 1,3

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

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

*Deacon* One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Canon Chris Gray

*All stand as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*People* **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**

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God and for the birthdays this week for Bill Sturk, Janet Williams, Briony Tomalesky, Ron Ellis, Stephen Gill, Karen Garrett, and the anniversaries of Andrea Zahn & Dan Depies, Joseph & Kaitlyn Statile.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time* ], and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]) We remember with thanksgiving those near to us, whose absence still leaves a hole in our hearts; I invite you to say their names, silently or aloud [*leave time* ], and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*People* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **AMEN.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott  
Choir

*All stand as able.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*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.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.**

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*



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:

*Celebrant and People*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*All*    **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*    And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.*

*If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life

Julian Guini, *soloist*  
Choir

*Please remain seated.*

## THE CHANT

**The Lord Is my Song**

**The Lord is my Song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. (Repeat)**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* **Almighty and 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 living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:  
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**VOLUNTARY**

Toccata on LEONI

Michael Burkhardt

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Preacher	The Rev. Canon Chris Gray
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Emily Mackay
Lectors	Maureen Belote & Ryan Stollenmaier
Prayers of the People	Sally Miller
Ushers	Dan & Gloria Smith
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Betty & Joe Lombardo, Judy Ratliff



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