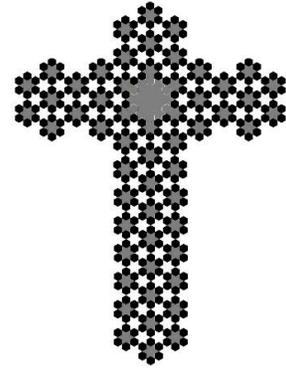


# Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2023

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**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.

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

**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 enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

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

*People* **And blessed be his 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.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Joshua chapter 24...*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your

father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 78:1-7**

*Lector*        *We will read responsively from Psalm 78...*

*Lector*        Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

*People*        **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

*Lector*        That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

*People*        **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.**

*Lector*        He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;

*People*        **That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

*Lector*        So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

## THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from First Thessalonians chapter 4...*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

*Please stand.*

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

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Deacon*        Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Lector* I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission...We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Lector* I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a peaceful resolution and an end to violence in the Middle East ...We are generous with our gifts of peace,

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Lector* I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list (*add names from notebook*), and those we name now in silence or aloud. We are generous with our gifts of healing,

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Lector* I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. Especially those on our parish prayer list (*add names from notebook*), and for those we name now in silence or aloud (*leave time*).

We are generous with our gifts of support,

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Lector* I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Nels Auger, Nancy Belfsky, Barbara Ann Belz, Nancy Heuer, and Daniel Little. We are generous with our gratitude,

*People* **Because we are Rooted in God's Abundance.**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need.

*All* **Amen.**

*Prayers for the People were adapted from Episcopal Network for Stewardship.*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE** *Please stand.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Please be seated.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

*Deacon* As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

*People* **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the gospel to all nations. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People*        **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

*Celebrant*        By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*        **AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*        And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*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. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

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

#### **COMMUNION**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Crucifer/Chalicer	Beth Brinsko
Lector	Patrick Brinsko
Prayers of the People	Butch Niford
Ushers	Butch & Diane Niford

## **Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Nov 5** – Diane N, Leslie P, Cheryl, Nikki, Jeanne, Summer, Martha & Vic H, Dave P, Priscilla, Carol Z, Dylan, Kipling, Krista S, Jason C, Gail-Marie, CGC Mission Trip, Tina, Carol H, Ernie, Heather S, Bonnie L, David C, Colette S, Lou F, Cindy D, Bob S, Oleana & family, Milly L, Elena G, Daniel S, Christopher J, Bill D, Nicolina, Consuelo, Jim W, Chris & Steve, Carol W, Terry D, Phil B, Carol B, David M, Bill GW.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Nels Auger, Nancy Belfsky, Barbara Ann Belz, Nancy Heuer, and Daniel Little.

## **Announcements**

**COGS would like to say a special thank you to all of the veterans of the Armed Forces.** We are grateful for your service to this country, for your sacrifice, and honor you on this Veteran's Day.

**Stewardship Ingathering:** Today we will be gathering and blessing the remaining pledges for our annual Stewardship Campaign. It's not too late, you can still turn in your card. If needed, there are pledge cards available in the pews and at the back of the church or you can call the church office to have one sent to you.

**Dunedin Community Thanksgiving Service:** COGS will host this year on Thursday, Nov 16 at 6:30pm. This is a great way to bring our community together, as several churches of different denominations from Dunedin participate, so we hope you will join us!

**Game Night:** Join us Friday, Nov 17 at 6:00pm in the Patio Room as we play your favorites and/or learn new games. Please RSVP to the office as a light supper will be provided for attendees. Bring your own beverage and a game to share.

**Craft & Quilt Sale:** Saturday, Nov 18 & Sunday, Nov 19 from 9:00am till 3:00pm in the Patio Room and courtyard.

**Holiday Jolley Trolley Christmas Lights Tour:** Thursday, Dec 21 at 6:30pm we will meet in the church parking lot for some holiday fun viewing Christmas lights from the Jolley Trolley. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and space is reserved with payment. We have very limited spots left available, but will also take a waitlist once full. Reservations and payment can be made online or send your check into the office. Contact the church office for more info.

**Today,** November 12, our Organist/Choirmaster, Tom Huffman will be sharing in a concert on the new Casavant pipe organ recently installed and dedicated at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome.



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