St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming FaceBook Live at 10:45 am

Prelude Sonata no. 3 in A: ii. Andante Tranquillo

by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

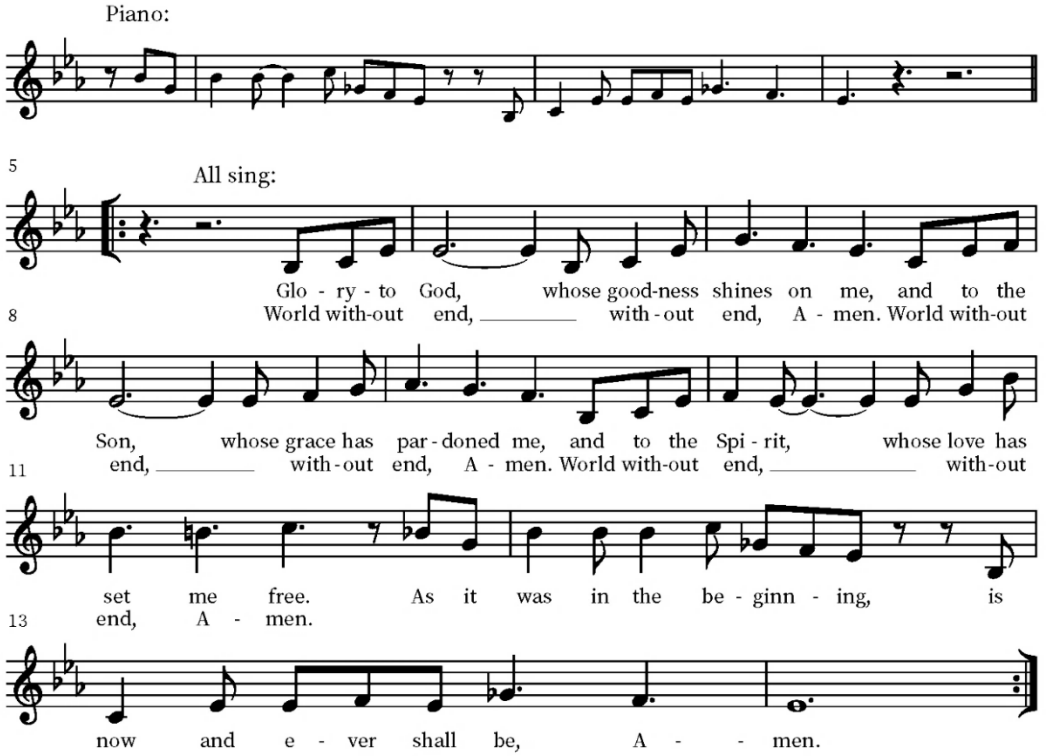
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity *said by the Celebrant*

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.***

Song of Praise Glory to God Paul Vasile



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm *Ad te levavi oculos meos* **Psalm 123**



To you I | lift up • my | eyes, *
to | you • en - | throned • in the | heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the | hand of • their | masters, *
and the eyes of a | maid • to the | hand • of her | mistress,

So our eyes look to you,' O | Lord • our | God, *
Un - | til • you | show us • your | mercy.

Have mercy upon us' , O | Lord, • have | mercy, *
for we have had | more • than en - | ough of • con - | tempt,

Too much of the scorn of the | indo - lent | rich, *
and of the de - | ri - sion | of • the | proud.

The Second Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

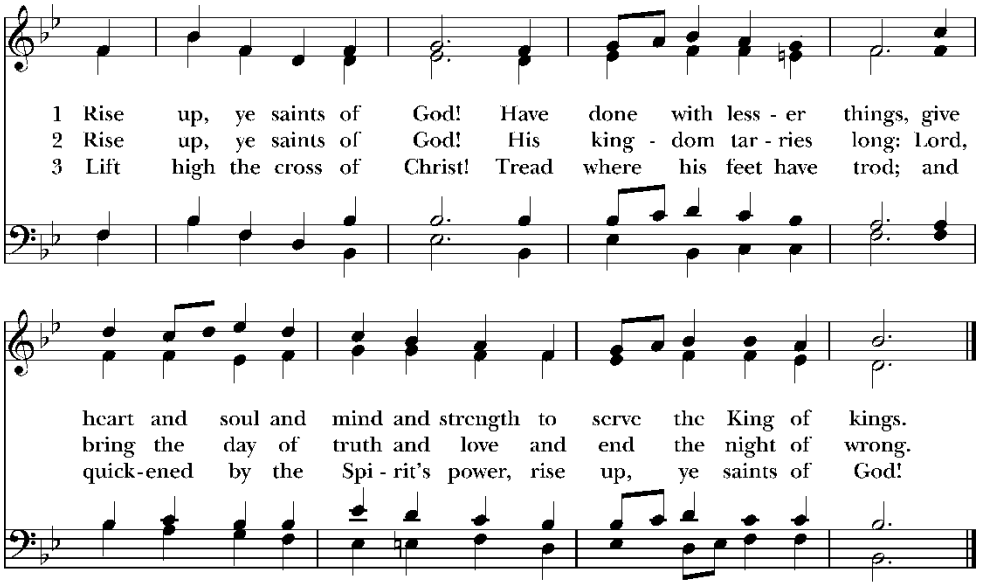
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake

and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 551 Rise up, ye saints of God *Festal Song*



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

The Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

The Sermon **The Reverend Patricia Templeton**

The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus,
the God of homelands lost and found,
the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who was born under occupation
and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,
becoming aliens in a foreign land,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.
On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,
a communion of saints across countries and centuries.
I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,

where our passport is love,
our bodies are resurrected and healed,
where the image of God in all of us is honored,
and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place
where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,
where we will be no longer strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially **Eric Stephens**, friend of Heather &Edward Robertson.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including our parishioners, **Linda Parrish; Cathleen Hackett; Penny France; Lisa Wilson; Virginia Skinner; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas;** and **Cathy Leake.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Cathleen Hackett; Sarah & Bill Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah;** and the safe arrival of **McKenna Celine Bartolome,** great granddaughter of Bessie & Hollis Holland**.**

Silence

Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: ***And also with you.***

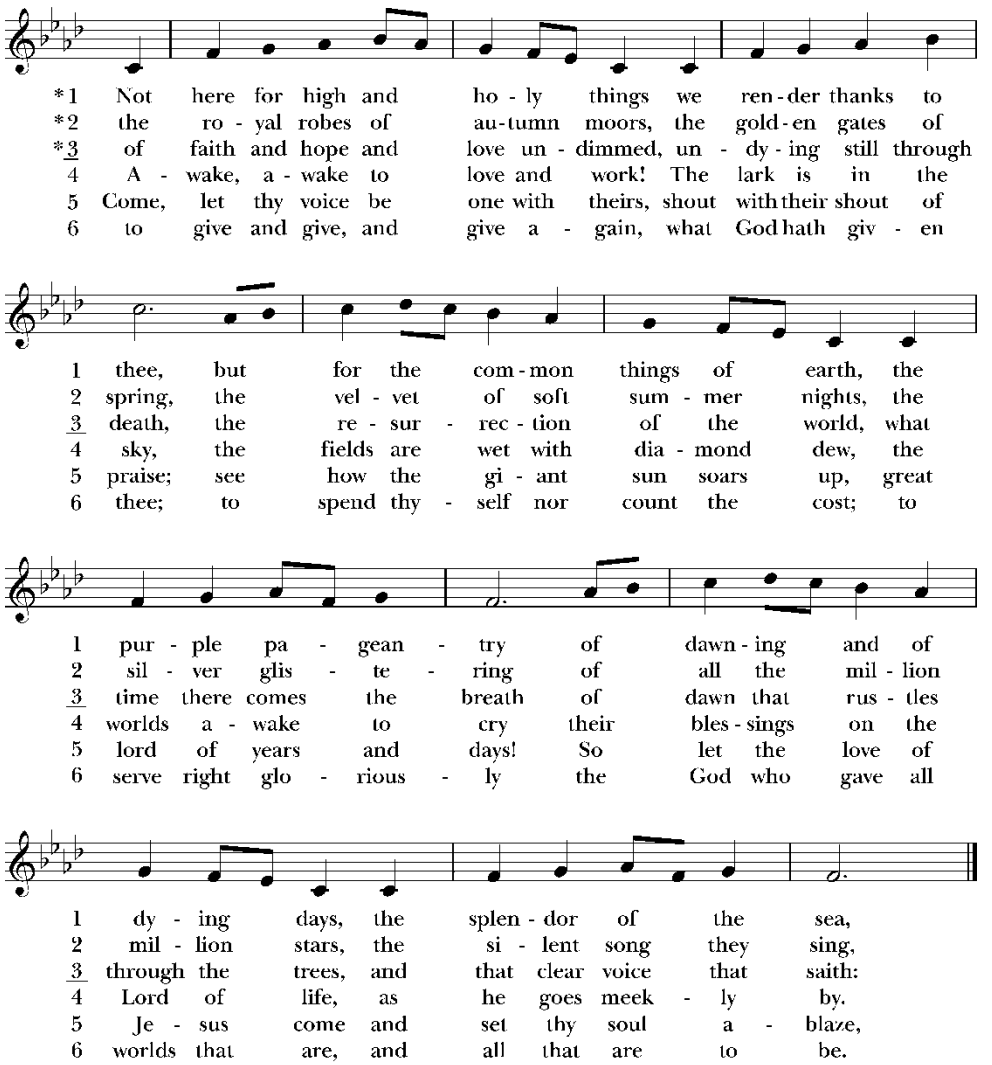
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee by J. Berger (1909 – 2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing,
of ev'ry living thing.

Offertory Hymn 9 Not here for high and holy things *Morning son*



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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

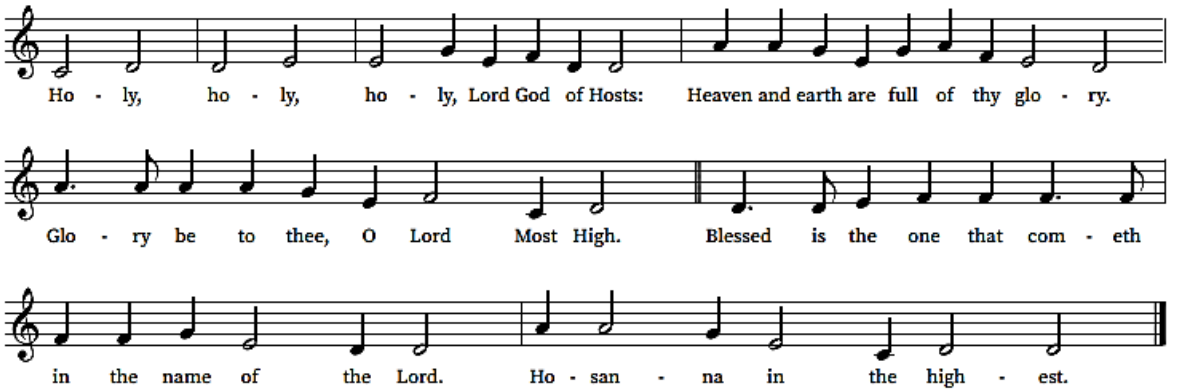
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S.113 Holy, holy, holy Merbecke



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, Take, eat: This my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

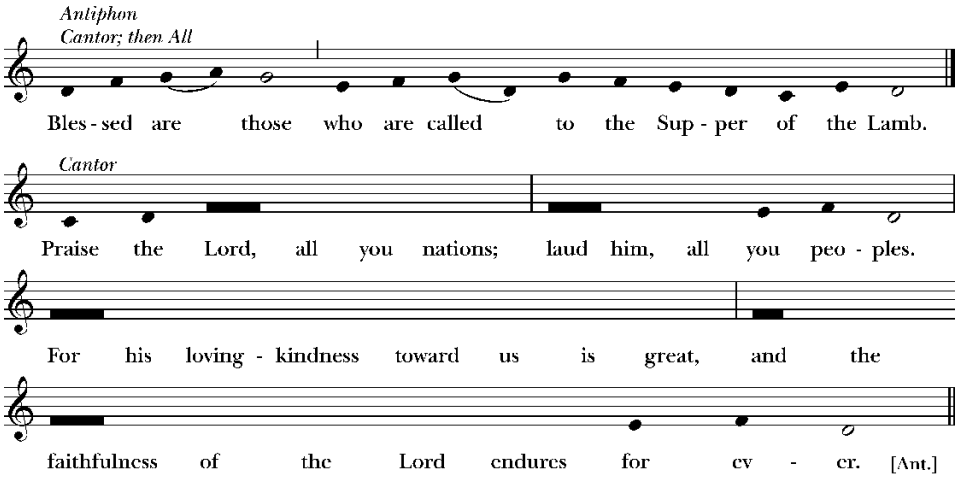
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Hymn S.172 Blessed are those who are called Chant/Martens



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

The Communion of the People *All are welcome.*

Communion Hymn 490 I want to walk as a child of the light *Houston*





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Prayer of St. Francis *Celebrant and People*

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; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. 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. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire."

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Son who sets you free,
and the Spirit who comforts and sustains you be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 555 Lead on, O King eternal *Lancashire*

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The Dismissal

Response ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude Trio Sonata in Eb (BWV 629) by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Ministry Schedule

	25th Pentecost – Nov 15th	**26th Pentecost – Nov 22nd**
Vestry on Duty	Tom Wilson	Susie Throop
Lay Reader: **8:30 am**	Harriett Smith	Peg Maloney
Lay Reader: **10:45 am**	Lynn Hood	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1st Lesson	Billy Hancock	Bruce Lafitte
Lector 2nd Lesson	Lucinda Kaltenbach	Rhea Hannah
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Wilson	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Altar Guild	Marshall / Fina /	Claudia / Marshall /
Flower Guild	Lucinda Kaltenbach	Claudia Gimson



Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

Happy Birthday

Charis Bowling November 18 **Tim Leyden** November 19

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Linda Parrish; Cathleen Hackett; Penny France; Lisa Wilson; Virginia Skinner; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and **Cathy Leake.**

Family: Judith & Leon Wade, parents of Susan Hauser; **Karen**, sister of Steve Hauser ; **David Kenney**, son of Peg Maloney; **Manilal Weerakoon,** Anil's brother**, Kathy Benedict,** family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten**; Thomas Wilkerson**, brother, **Walter**, friend of Marshall Kress; **Amy Currie,** sister of Lisa Wilson; **Ann Harrison,** sister-in-law of Nancy Knight Latimore; **George Robinson,** nephew, **Samantha Woo**, niece and **Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams**, sisters of Bessie & Hollis Holland; **Glenda Owens,** grandmother of Lillian Amengual; **Terra Garrett,** cousin of Cathleen Hackett**; Jane Schneiderwind,** sister of Mimi Gold**; Cody Young,** cousin of the Reece Family; **Roswitha Moos,** grandmother of Katharina McCawley; **Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley,** family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte**; Charlie Bunn,** cousin of Tiffany Wilson; **Oakley Family,** cousins of Priscilla Davis; **Deni Omundson**, **Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; **Jessica LeClaire,** sister of Sara Thornton; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Cliff Frierson; Michael Burkhardt (Rhea Hannah); **Sharon Hart & Family** (Heather Robertson)**; Diane Earle** (Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer); **Lori & Brad Becker, Shehan, Preemali Seneveratne & family** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Pam Weed** (Claudia Gimson); **E.J. Walker** (Ralph Paulk); **Susan & John Ware, Gay McNeely,** (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Tom Lombardo** (Tricia Templeton); **Ellie Richards, Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold); **Dena Horner** (Bob Longino); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Wanda Arrowood,** (Sandra Dobbs); **Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Cathleen Hackett; Sarah & Bill Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah;** and the safe arrival of **McKenna Celine Bartolome,** great granddaughter of Bessie & Hollis Holland**.**

We pray for those who have died remembering especially **Eric Stephens**, friend of Heather & Edward Robertson.

Vestry 2026 -2027

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Alexander Pierre, Jr. Warden;
Sarah Hancock; Tom Wilson; Steve Floyd;
Mary Jane Hannah; Susan Hauser;
Zoe McMichael; Suzanne Van de Mark

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate
Brian Parks, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

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