



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
Sunday, 15 October 2023 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The People's responses are in **bold italics**.

Hymns are in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

Service music (marked "S") is found at the front of the Hymnal.

Other page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*.

### Worship Information

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We especially welcome our visitors and newcomers and ask that you fill out a visitor card so that we can thank you for coming.

**For Children** – Children are always welcome during service. There is a Kid's Korner with books and activities at the entrance.

### Opening Voluntary

*Prelude in F – attr. J. S. Bach*

*Ms. Kathleen Hilliard, Organ*

### Hymn in Procession

**Hymn 556, stz. 1-5** — *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

### Welcome

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD – BCP 355

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

#### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, 10:30 Service

*During the Hymn of Praise, children in grades Pre-K–5th may follow the children's acolytes down the center aisle to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.*

#### 8:00 - Kyrie: Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

#### 10:30 - Hymn of Praise: Canticle 13 Hymnal S 236

*For Verses 5 & 6, the Congregation sings the music on the bottom staff.*

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People may be seated.*

#### The First Lesson — Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### The Gradual — Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

*Organ Introduction*

*The Choir sings the Antiphon.*

*The Congregation repeats the Antiphon:*



De - clare the might-y acts of God our Sa - vior.

*The Choir sings the verses. The Congregation repeats the Antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?**
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

*Antiphon*

- 4 **Remember me, O LORD,  
with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;**
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

*Antiphon*

- 6 **We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 **And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

*Antiphon*

- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 **Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen  
stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

*Antiphon*

**The Second Lesson — Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.*

**10:30 - Sequence Hymn**

*“I heard the voice of Jesus say” — Kingsfold*  
See bulletin insert.

**The Gospel — Matthew 22:1-14**

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman*

*Silence may be kept.*

**The Nicene Creed** *The People stand.*

**BCP 358**

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: Form VI**

BCP 392

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.*(The People kneel.)**Reader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.*Reader* For all people in their daily life and work;*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***Reader* For this community, the nation, and the world;*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***Reader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the imprisoned, the friendless, and the needy.***Reader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***Reader* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop, Michael and Katie our Priests; and for all bishops and other ministers;*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.***Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Israel and the Middle East during this time of war. Kindle in every heart the true love of peace, which is the fruit of righteousness. For the sick and hospitalized in our parish and community (*especially...*) and for all others we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.**Reader* Hear us, Lord;*People* **For your mercy is great.***Reader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.**Reader* We will exalt you, O God our King;*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.***Reader* We pray for all who have died (*especially...*), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.**Reader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;*People* **Who put their trust in you.***The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.**Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*Silence may be kept.**Minister and 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.***The Priest stands and says*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** *All stand.**Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.***The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.***Announcements****The Offertory****10:30 - Offertory Anthem** "Rejoice in the Lord always"  
— George Rathbone (1874-1951)*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.**Be careful for nothing, but in everything,**by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,**let your requests be known unto God.**And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,**shall keep your hearts and minds**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Amen.**Philippians 4:4, 6 & 7***At the Presentation****Hymnal 43:4*****Praise God from whom all blessings flow;******praise him all creatures here below;******praise him above, ye heavenly host:******praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.****The doxology is sung twice: the first time, in unison;**the second time in canon, the Epistle Side (Right),**followed by the Gospel Side (Left).**At the presentation of the monetary gifts,**Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.****THE HOLY COMMUNION****Eucharistic Prayer B — BCP 367***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.***The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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:

*Celebrant and People***Hymnal S 125*****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.***

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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**

*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.**

**10:30 - Then is sung**

**Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed** Hymnal S 169  
*The Anthem is sung as indicated.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*  
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.

### **The Communion**

*Christians of all ages (regardless of where you were baptized) are welcome to receive Holy Communion.* • Please come forward to the Altar Rail, being careful of the step just before the rail. • The rail fills from the center, and please don't hesitate to cross to the other side if there is space. • Communion is available in two kinds. If you choose not to receive communion in one or both kinds, please cross both arms across your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. • If you choose to receive communion in one kind, know Christ is fully present and all benefits of the Eucharist are fully received. • If you receive the chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the base of the cup. Or you may choose to intinct in the chalice. • If you need a gluten-free wafer, please cross one arm across your chest. There is no separate chalice. • If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pew, please notify the ushers at the door.

### **Communion Hymns**

**Hymn 339** — *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

**Hymn 650** — *O Jesus, joy of loving hearts*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

Eternal God, *heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Mission**

**BCP 101**

Lord Jesus Christ, *you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

#### **Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 569** — *God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest*

**Dismissal** *Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Closing Voluntary**

*Postlude* — Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

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