



The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Sunday, 12 November 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

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 436 — *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

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.

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. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

The First Lesson — Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual — Psalm 78:1-7

Organ Introduction

The Choir sings the Antiphon.

The Congregation repeats the Antiphon:



God gave them drink as from the great deep.

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

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

Antiphon

- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**

Antiphon

- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 **That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

10:30 - Sequence Hymn

Hymn 61 — "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

The Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

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."

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

"Teach me, O Lord" – Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end. — Ps. 119:33*

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 324 — *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 53 — *Once he came in blessing*

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 620 — *Jerusalem, my happy home*

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

Closing Voluntary



Notes on the Notes — The voluntaries this morning are played by Christ Church Assistant Organist, Mr. Paul Miller. The Offertory Anthem this morning is "Teach me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838). A student of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Attwood was appointed organist at St. Paul's Cathedral London in 1796. Attwood played his *Grand Dirge* at the funeral of Lord Nelson at the Cathedral in January 1806, the work composed for that occasion, and composed a setting of "I was glad" for the coronation of George IV in September 1831. He was to compose music for the coronation of Queen Victoria in June 1838, but died before doing so, his previous setting of "I was glad" being used instead. Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy enjoyed two stays at Attwood's home and dedicated his Three Preludes and Fugues for Organ, Op. 37, to Attwood, who had heard Mendelssohn play the organ at St. Paul's. Attwood is buried in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, under the organ.

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of
Susan Woolf & John Carrell
and
in loving memory of Betty & Crawford Rainwater.

