



The Third Sunday after Pentecost
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Sunday, 18 June 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 at the entrance with books and activities.

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in C — Charles Callahan

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 535 — Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

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.**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy

8:00 - spoken 10:30 - Hymnal S 96

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

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 — Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your

servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD,
because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson — Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to

this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

10:30 - Sequence Hymn

Hymn 455 – *O love of God, how strong and true*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, 10:30 Service
During the Hymn, children in grades Pre-K through 5th
may follow the children's acolytes down the center aisle
to Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

The Gospel — Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

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 IV

BCP 388

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

Reader 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

Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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

Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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

Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Reader 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 pray especially for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray (*for... and*) for all others we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died (*especially...*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; 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.

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

*"How lovely are the messengers" from St. Paul, Op. 36
– Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

*How lovely are the messengers
that preach us the gospel of Peace!*

*To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

At the Presentation

Hymnal 380:3

*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.*

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 A – BCP 361

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 130

*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. Then 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. **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
The Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 164

*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 Voluntary “Carillon on ‘Amazing Grace’”
— Danny Lyons (Handbell Solo)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 321 — *My God, thy table is now spread*

Hymn 333 (sung twice) — *Now the silence Now the peace*

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 541 — *Come, labor on*

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

Closing Voluntary

King's Weston — Craig Philips

Notes on the Notes — The Offertory Anthem this morning is a movement of the oratorio *St. Paul*, Op. 36 by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847). “How lovely are the messengers” is a setting of Romans 10: 15 & 18. Mendelssohn completed *St. Paul* in April 1836, work having commenced on the libretto in 1832 and the music in 1834. The work premiered on 22 May at the Lower Rhenish Music Festival in Düsseldorf, followed by an English premiere in Liverpool on 3 October 1836 in a translation by Karl Klingermann. *St. Paul* premiered in Boston on 14 March 1837. The work was originally scored for orchestral accompaniment; the organ accompaniment you will hear today was prepared by Mendelssohn himself. The movement opens with a descending melodic line (“How lovely are the messengers...”) paired with a more disjunct ascending line that carries the text “to all the nations...” The work grows out of these two themes in a woven counterpoint worthy of Mendelssohn’s great influence, J. S. Bach, underpinned with a fluid accompaniment that is certainly the musical language of the composer himself.

This morning, we are pleased to have Danny Lyons offering a Communion Voluntary, his “Carillon on ‘Amazing Grace.’” Regarding this piece, Danny writes:

Concert Carillon on Amazing Grace

This piece uses a handbell technique called 6-in-hand, whereby the ringer holds the bells in an interlocked grip that allows him/her to ring each bell independently. The piece has an introduction followed by the first verse of the hymn tune, then an interlude which mimics the introduction, followed by the second verse, then another interlude, and the third verse. The arrangement ends with a final cadenza which gives the artist a no-holds-barred showy ending.

Come August, Danny will once again be directing the Christ Church Ringers handbell choir, as we start up the new program year. If you are interested in ringing handbells or know someone who may be, please contact Danny (dannylyons1@gmail.com) or myself (jason@christ-church.net). — *Dr. Jason Hobratchk*

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