



Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love

Proper 23
October 11, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

Opening Song 7

Christ whose glory fills the skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Opening Acclamation

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

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

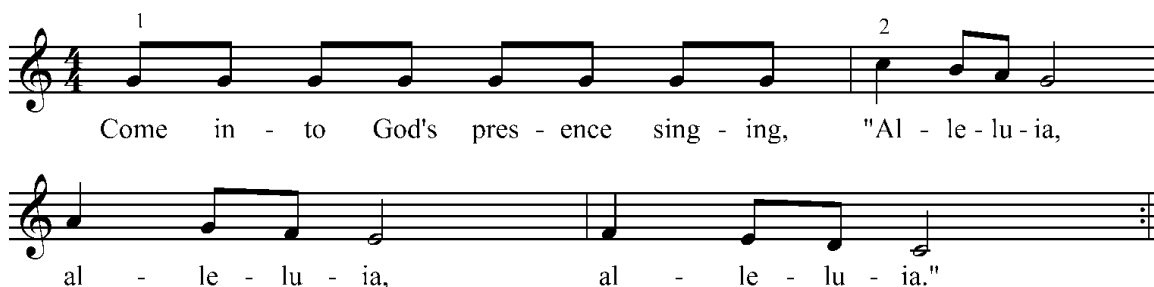
Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray together.

All 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 *(sing each verse once)*

Cantor will sing the first verse alone once. Congregation joins the second time.



Come into God's presence singing
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing
worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing
glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 Ministry of the Word

First Reading

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

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!
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.
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.**
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.

Second Reading

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.

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Gradual Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me
 gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -
 splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;
 un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how
 won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost
 reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus spoke to them 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."

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

Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.

Hymn

Bless the Lord, My soul

Mixed Voices

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Bless the Lord my soul and bless his ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads us in - to life.

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.

The Prayers of the People

standing

Presider Let us join our hearts and pray for all the world.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the baptized;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray especially for Alex and Joan; Carol; Mimi; Dennis, Lauren, Charlie and Brynn;
 Merrie Jo, members of our parish family, and for this community. Give us grace to do
 your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those affected by Covid-19 and the wildfires;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for those we name now: ____.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Leader Praying together,

All **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Presider Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

Offertory Music

Si mes vers avaient des ailes
(If my verses had wings)
Rob Evans, saxophone

Reynaldo Hahn

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The Great Thanksgiving

standing

Presider All things come of you, O God,
People **and of your own have we given you.**

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

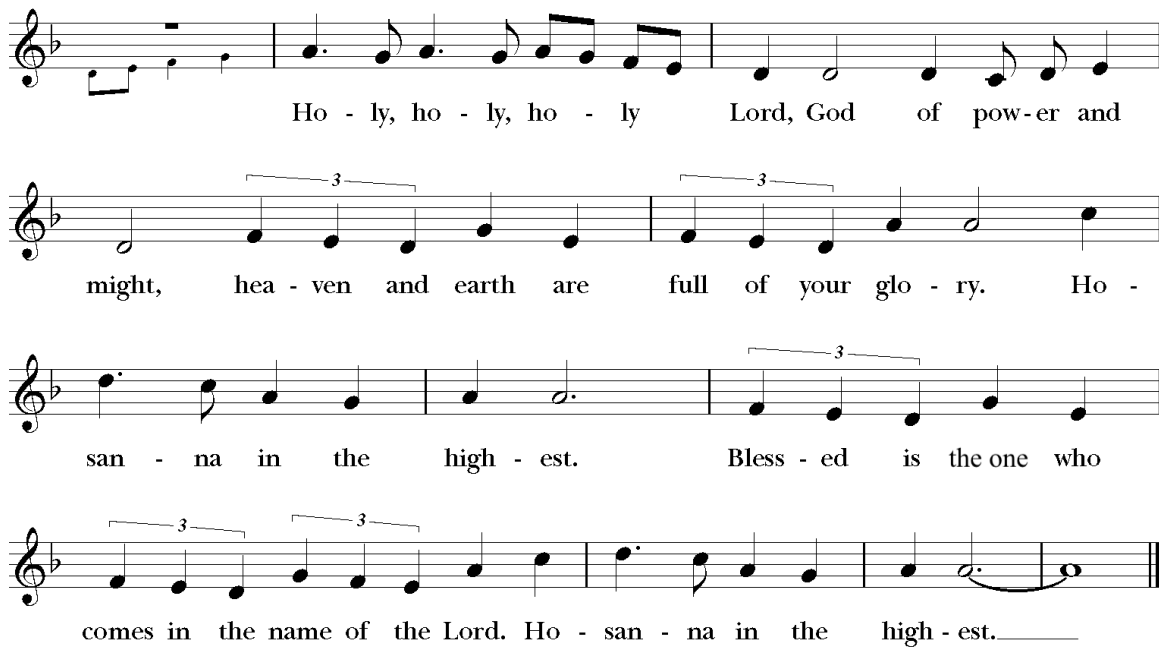
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All **We remember his death;**
We proclaim his resurrection;
We await his coming in glory.

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 harmony with your Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly country
where, with Blessed Mary the God-Bearer,
Blessed Joseph, 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

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

Cantor:



Our Fa-ther in heaven,

All:

The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.


A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones

The Hands of God



To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - jice in the hands_ of God. May God's

pow - er-ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's

lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - jice in the hands_ of God.

Final Blessing

Presider The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

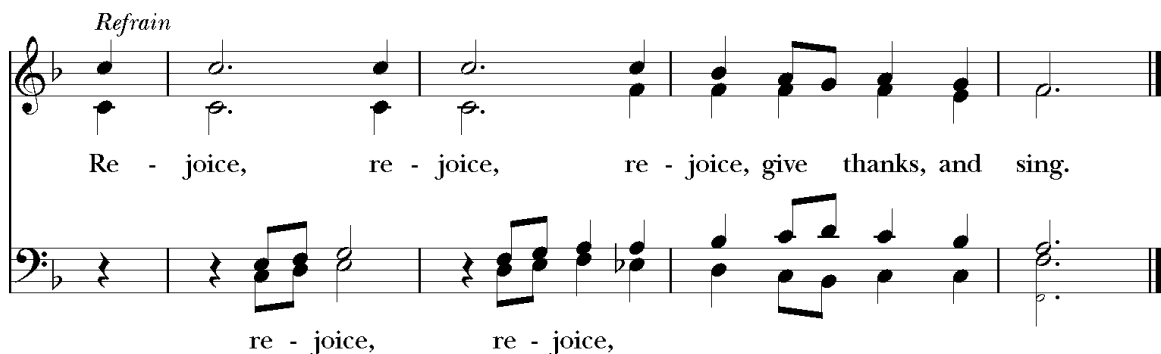


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

Dismissal

Presider
People

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

Nancy	Pat
Altrina	Rick
Phyllis I.	Bob
Klaus	Teresa
Sally & Cary	Paula
Glenn	Jeff
Jennifer M.	Grace
Jim	Joy
Kirk	Amy
Jake & Family	Kathie
Carl	John
Becky	Shelly
Karen	Julie
Mark	Matthew
Kenny	Dave
Len	Pat
Peggy	John
Pauline	Rosella
Eloise	John
Katherine	Kris' family
Violaine	Betty
Jennifer	Bev
Pam	Mike
Mary Pat	Amy
Chris	Meg
Carmel	Rick
Cammy	Chaz
Robyn	Marcos
Skip	Jim
Rev. Steve	Jordan
Sasha	Dick

Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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