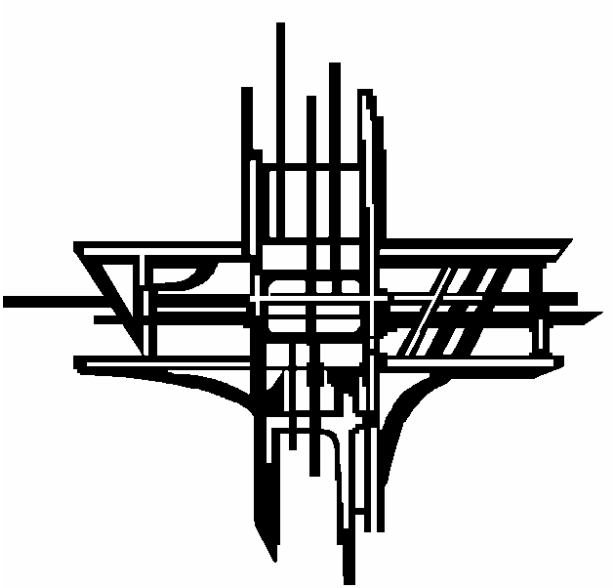
# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Baptism



**This morning, we welcome Charles Beau Bergamini into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

*Parents: Emily and Matthew Bergamini*
*Godparents: Nicholas Bergamini and Elizabeth Johnson*

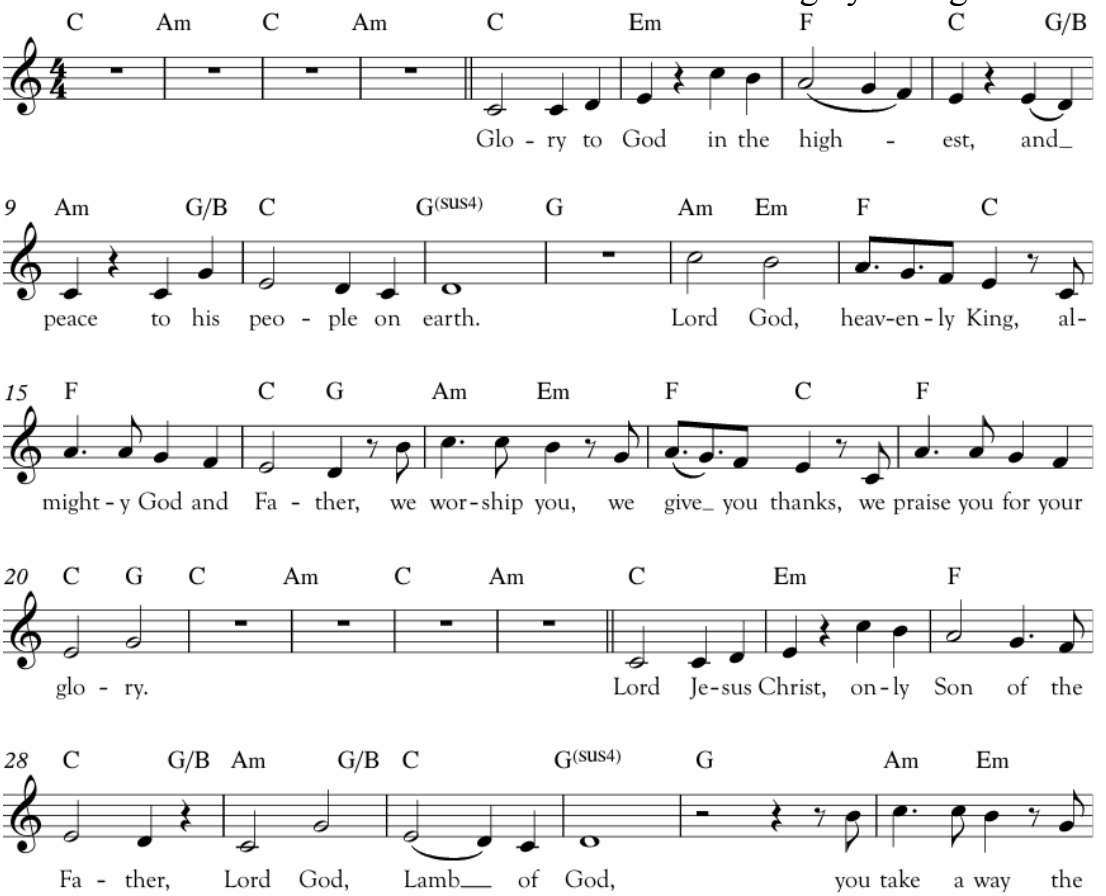
*The flowers are given by Diann Durbin in memory of Gene Durbin and by Gabe Escalante in thanksgiving.*

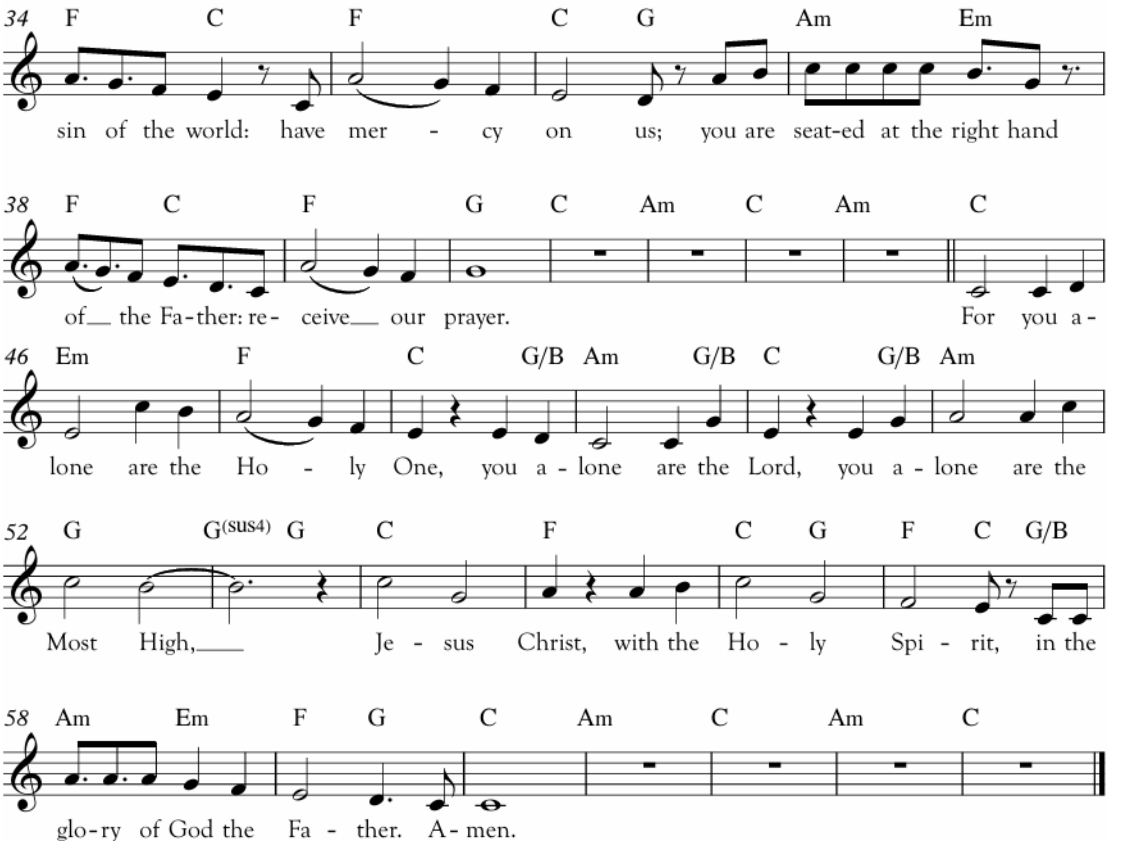
**Processional** "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" *H632*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People*** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;
***People*** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
***People*** **One God and Father of all.**

**The Gloria** Setting by Liturgical Folk






## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*
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 Old Testament Lesson** **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

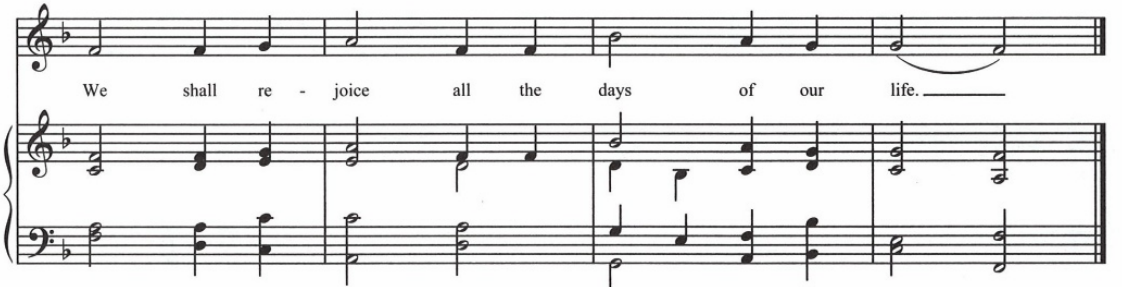
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah:

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.

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

## Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12




1 LORD, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God. [ANT.]

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night. [ANT.]

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered. [ANT.]

**A** 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
**A** 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
**B** 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh. [ANT.]

**A** 10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
**A** 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
**B** 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. [ANT.]

**The New Testament Lesson** **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A reading from The First Letter to the Thessalonians:

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.

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

**Sequence Hymn** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *H508*

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

*Deacon* 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.'"

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

**Sermon** **Rev. Hunter Farrow**

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Parents and Godparents*
I present Charles Beau Bergamini to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*
Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*
Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*
Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and Godparents*
I renounce them.

*Celebrant*
Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents and Godparents*
I renounce them.

*Celebrant*
Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and Godparents*

I renounce them.

*Celebrant*
Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as you Savior?

*Parents and Godparents*
I do.

*Celebrant*
Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and Godparents*
I do.

*Celebrant*
Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and Godparents*
I do.

*Celebrant*
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charles in his life in Christ?

*People*
**We will.**

*Celebrant*
Let us join with Charles who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
***People*** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People*** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People*** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant*
Let us now pray for Charles who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send him into the world to witness to your love.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
***People*** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

**Procession to the Font** "Baptized in Water" *L121*

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
***People*** **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***People*** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*
We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Baptism**

*Celebrant*
Charles, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Charles, your servant, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Charles, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*
**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**The Peace**

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

**Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory** "Not Here for High and Holy Things" *H9*

**Receiving the Gifts**

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.
***People*** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**The Holy Communion**

*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**

*The celebrant continues, and the people respond with the parts in bold.*

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.

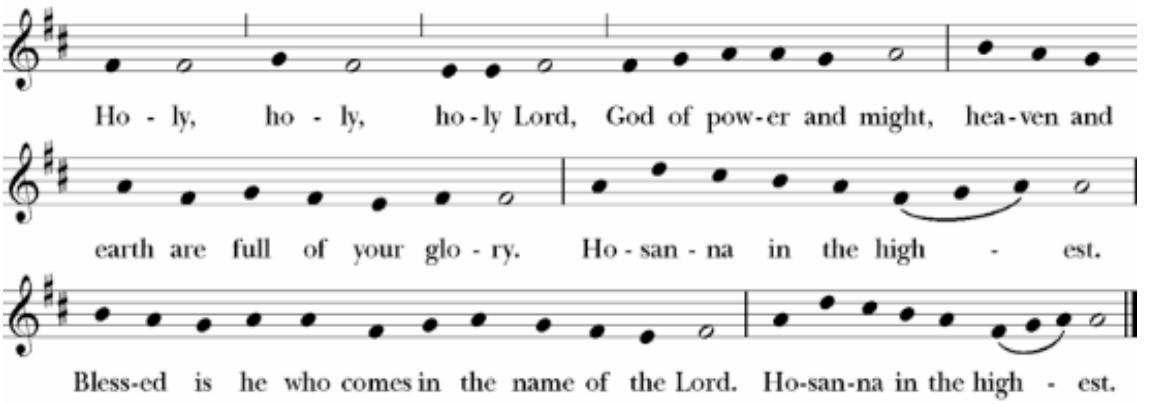
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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** ***s124***




*Celebrant*

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 is 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 many 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: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

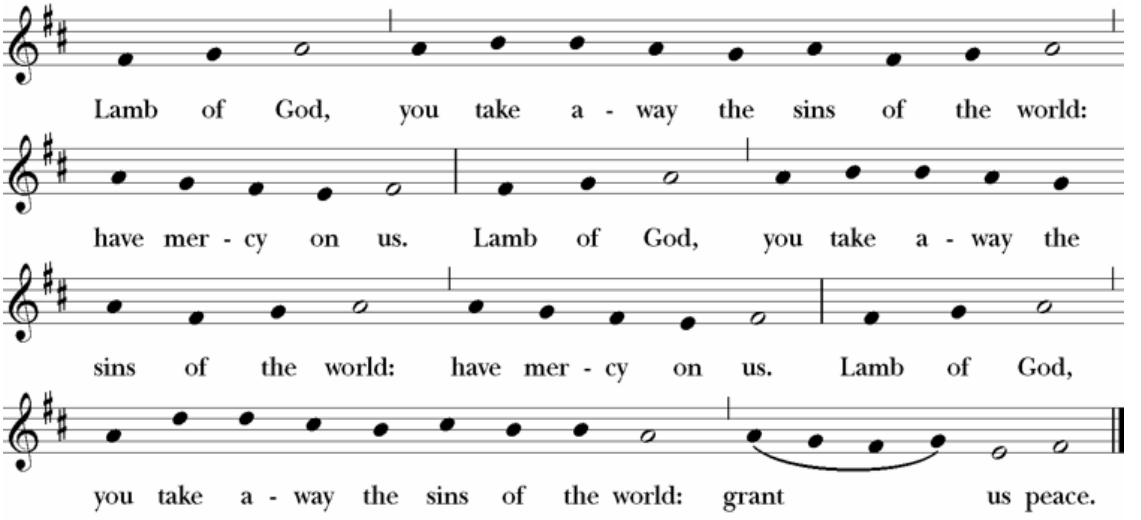
*Celebrant and People*
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People*** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction** *s161*




**The Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason, you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar*

*rail with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers available upon request.*

**Communion Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *H490*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*
**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.**

**Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors**

*When applicable*

*Minister*
In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today…..Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.

***People***
**We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.**

**Blessing**

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional** "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God" *H551*

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
***People*** **Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

***This week at Transfiguration:***

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| ***Today*** | ***Holy Eucharist*** | ***Church/FB*** | ***10am*** |
| | ***Coffee Hour hosted by the Dawsons*** | ***Leach Hall*** | ***11:15am*** |
| ***11/16*** | ***Bible Study*** | ***Zoom*** | ***7pm*** |
| ***11/17*** | ***Vestry*** | ***Leach Hall*** | ***7pm*** |

## Announcements

- **Zoom Bible Study** – Join us tomorrow evening at 7pm for our Zoom Bible study. We meet the first and third Monday of every month over Zoom for a time of discussion about Scripture. We are currently going through the book of Ephesians. Anyone can jump in at any time.

- **Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social** – Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Eve eucharist and pie social. Join us on November 25th at 7PM for a simple eucharist followed by a pie social in Leach Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a pie if you are able, homemade or store bought is fine.

- **Alternative Christmas** - Are you thinking about Christmas shopping? The Alternative Christmas Gift Market enables you to contribute to a charitable organization. An alternative Christmas gift to friends and family will benefit those in need. Your alternative gift to another will extend the true meaning of Christmas and ensure spiritual action after Christmas has passed and other gifts are forgotten or discarded. For each donation made, you will receive a decorative card indicating the name of the organization to which you have donated. This card can then be given as your alternative Christmas gift. The following organizations will be included this year:

    - Paws for Purple Hearts
    - Patient Access Network Foundation
    - La Transfiguracion
    - American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
    - The Night Ministry
    - Christmas without Cancer

- **2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign: A Firm Foundation** – From now until the beginning of Advent, we are running our

annual stewardship campaign. This is a time when we ask folks to discern how they can help further the mission of the parish. Obviously, a big component of this is financial; however, we understand that everyone's finances are unique. There are many ways to practice good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. Beyond just financial support, we can also give of our time and our talent.

This year's theme is A Firm Foundation. This theme has two meanings: First, as our daycare continues to bounce back from a long season of challenges and transition, we want to make sure the parish itself is the firm foundation upon which all our other ministries, including the daycare, are built. Second, and more importantly, this theme highlights that Christ should be the foundation of all that we do here. Our commitment to Jesus and his teachings should inform how and why we give, and it should inform how the parish uses your generous gifts to serve others for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Most of you have probably received a stewardship letter and pledge card in the mail by now; although, if you are newer, we may not have sent you one. We respect that when people are new to a parish, they are often still feeling it out and may not be ready to take a step like pledging. If for any reason, you did not get a stewardship letter and pledge card, we have some in the back of the sanctuary, which you are welcome to grab if you wish.

Please return pledge cards to us by November 29th. This helps us put together the budget using actual numbers and helps us to practice wisdom and discernment with the gifts you have entrusted to us. If you prefer to do things digitally, you can fill out an online pledge form using the QR code below.

**Online Pledge Form:**



- **St. Nicholas Day Christmas Caroling.** He is coming Dec. 6th! After his visit to church and coffee hour, we will be going to Christmas Carol at the homes of our homebound parishioners. We will carpool from the church parking lot around noon. If you have a larger vehicle and can accommodate a few extra carolers, please sign up on the driver section of the sign-up sheet. Directions will be provided. We will have sandwiches and chips for those traveling to local homes. We expect it will take about 2 1/2 hour, and then, we will return to church. All singers are welcome to sign up! Please wear your Christmas hats and dress warmly. If you can only come for part of the route, that's fine. See you then!

- **Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM**. All are welcome to a fun evening of Christmas cheer! Please bring 5 dozen cookies and a container to collect your cookies. The exchange cookies may have nuts. You **do not** have to bring cookies to exchange to attend. We will have a simmer pot craft, games, music, raffles, punch and snacks to share. If you bring a snack, it must be nut free. We will fill bags with candy for the Beds Plus program, too. This is a great time to invite a friend to visit and enjoy our Transfiguration fellowship. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board. Questions? Please ask Bea Hiznay or Dee Wagner.

## Online Giving:



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