

Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

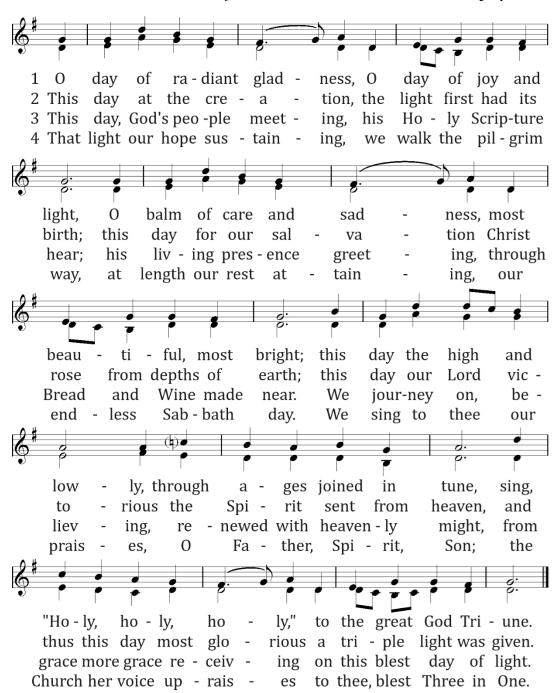
PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir – J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #48 (In the Blue Hymnal)

O day of radiant gladness



355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S279 (Front Section of the Blue Hymnal - Sung by all)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Lector A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

- The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17 (responsively by whole verse)

- ¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ² You trace my journeys and my restingplaces and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
- your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
- they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Lector A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

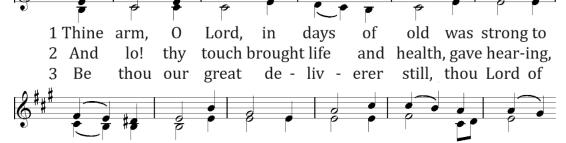
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

- The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN #567 (vv. 1-2) (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old



heal and save; it tri-umphed o'er dis-ease and death, strength, and sight; and youth re-newed and fren - zy calmed life and death; re-store and quick-en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark-ness and the grave. To thee they went, the owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and



blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd-ed eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven-ly lore, that whole and



set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame. street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen -nes -aret's shore. sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

THE GOSPEL Mark 2:23-3:6

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

-- The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN #567 (v. 3) (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

(Please be seated)

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher, Rector

358 THE NICENE CREED (All Standing)

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.

in accordance with the Scriptures;

On the third day he rose again

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.

he ascended into heaven and is

388 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. 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 *Hear our prayer*.

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 Hear our prayer.

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 Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, 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 Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Cole** Riggan, and those with special needs:

Paul Batson, Lou Adkins, Mark Adkins, Amanda Amon, Ella Asebes, Sissy Bolstad, Alice Brandon & family, Susan Branscomb, Gayle Burke, Art Burkhart, Seraphina Byers, Jean Campbell, Lynne Cleckley, Melissa Clifton, John Clippard, Joan Clodfelter, Linda Clodfelter, Isabelle Cranston, Morgan Curia, Dan DiRenzo, Susan Dixon, Kim Dube, Melissa Duncan, Renee Ewbank, Cathy Farley, Jenny Gallen, Shana Garland, Jane Grimes, George Hanna, Rob Hare, Kristen Harris, Nancy Hinkle, Chris Hodges, Jahiya Huntley, Greg & Nancy Hutchins, Alisa Johnson, Chris Kearley, Cara Lee, Lloyd Lohr, Warren MacKinstry, Liz Marr, Debbie Mason, Martha & Drew Mayse, Kate McKenzie, Charles McNeair, Roan Mitchell, Cathy Mogge, Dan & Fran Moore, Chocolate Myers, Howard Palmer, Gabby Plott, Jessica Purdy, Jacklyn Rojas, Christine Ryals, Lucas Sanabria, Lynn Santolla, Suzy Sheets, Patty Short, Talmadge Silversides, Martha Ellen Smith, Debbie Todd, Jackie Touchton, Brenda Tyndall, Perry Grimes Van Dyke, Flynn Williams, Mary & Jay Williams, Paul Wylie, and Charlotte Young.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[&]quot;Are there others?" Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Please stand if you are able

360 THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shout to God - Unknown

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY (#380, v.3) (In the Blue Hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

367 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

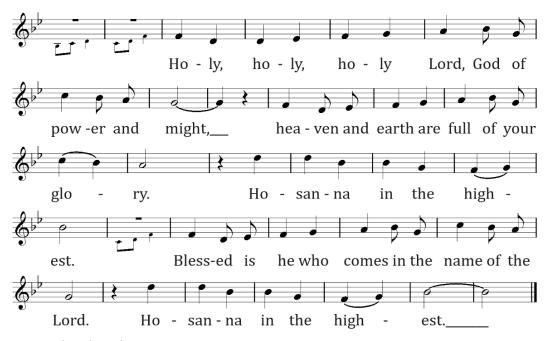
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

SANCTUS #S127 (Front section of Blue Hymnal - Sung by All)



The people may stand or kneel

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;

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 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.**

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

FRACTION ANTHEM #S155 (Front Section of Hymnal – Sung by All)



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say 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.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.

Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.

If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply

If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

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.

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon us, and upon all our work and worship done in his name. May he give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and forevermore. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE In Remembrance - Bill Herndon

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Mary & Karl Bolstad in honor of our grandsons, Felton Burleigh and Erik Petruzzi, who are graduating from high school.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Lector: Tere Wagner

Intercessor: Judie Reed

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Staley Nance, Tommy Black

Ushers: Wes Allred, Chandler Allred

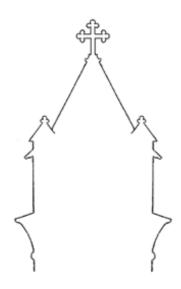
Greeter: Melissa Helms **Acolytes:** David Thayer

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the building next door) for refreshments and conversation. **Today our host is Roberta & Vaughan Spencer.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

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The Vestry Person of the Month for June is Bright Carter.

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