The Holy Eucharist Rite II
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2026

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Hymn at the Procession: **#561 - "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says;
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: Hymnal - S280

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

Collect of the Day: 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.**

A Reading From the Book of Judges

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #312 - "Strengthen For Service, Lord"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

P**raise to You, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon - The Rev. Virginia Heistand

The Nicene Creed

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

Brothers and Sisters, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray, saying, "Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Have mercy."

(1) Lord God, you have destined us, not for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

(2) Lord God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn. Hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

(3) Lord God, you rule the day and night. Bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

(4) Lord God, you are enthroned in the Heavens. May we trust not in our own schemes, but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our city and its leaders in all justice and truth.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

(5) Lord God, you are a merciful God. Hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy.

(6) Lord God, your Son, Jesus Christ died for us that we might dwell in your light forever. Give to the dying and the dead the hope of salvation.
(Silence)
Have Mercy upon us, O Lord,
Have mercy. Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP 360
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 Bishop, when present, or 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.***

Absolution

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

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

Doxology *Old 100th Verse 3* **Hymnal 380**

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our 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.

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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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.*

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 Bread is broken.

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.

(Prayer after Communion)
Let us pray.
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

(A prayer for Spiritual Communion)
Lord Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart
that I may welcome your presence with joy.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you. **Amen.**

The Blessing:

Hymn : **#680 - "O God. Our Help In Ages Past"**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



We welcome everyone to Church of the Epiphany today, especially our new guests. Please let us know if you'd like more information about the church. You are invited to join us for Holy Communion*. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Your gifts and tithes support our ministries in the community.

Worship Resources:

- BCP –"Book of Common Prayer"-Red or black book w/cross
- Hymnal –"The Hymnal 1982" – Red or Blue book
- WLP –"Wonder Love and Praise" - Green book
- LEVAS –"Lift Every Voice and Sing" - Red and black book

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice at communion, cross your arms in front of your chest, or return to your seat after you receive the bread. We no longer practice dipping the bread into the cup.

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, *Presiding Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, *Bishop Diocesan*
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson*, Assistant Bishop*
Ms. Ronda Proffit, *Organist & Choir Director*
Mrs. Carol Echols, *Parish Administrator*
Mr. Rob Martin, *Treasurer*

Vestry
Jimmy Ivie, Sr. Warden, Jo Sherwood, Jr. Warden
Donna Turner, Elizabeth Treadwell, Deb Foddrell, Caysey Petty, Jill Dineen, Deb Norton, Helen Knight

The Vestry person of the Month of November is Jill Dineen

Our Lay Reader this morning is Michelle Dallas

Announcements

Join us after the service this morning for Coffee Hour.
Our host for Coffee Hour this morning is Helen Knight. If you would like to host Coffee Hour, there is a signup sheet inside the front door of the church

Birthdays

16:Joan Sherwood
16:Steve Sherwood
21:Rebecca Ivie

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Current Prayer List

All victims of war, violence of every kind, and natural disasters. Healing for our country. For our military, and all who put themselves in harm's way to protect us.

Jarrette Dineen (being deployed), Fred Norton, Gene Austin, The family of Babby Dineen, Lyn Seymour, Lori, Danny Williams, Dawn, Darlene Harper, Jack and John, Sandi J., Skip J., Crystal Scott, Jim Pyron, Lois Clark, Frank Ferguson, Dorothy Gunn