Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



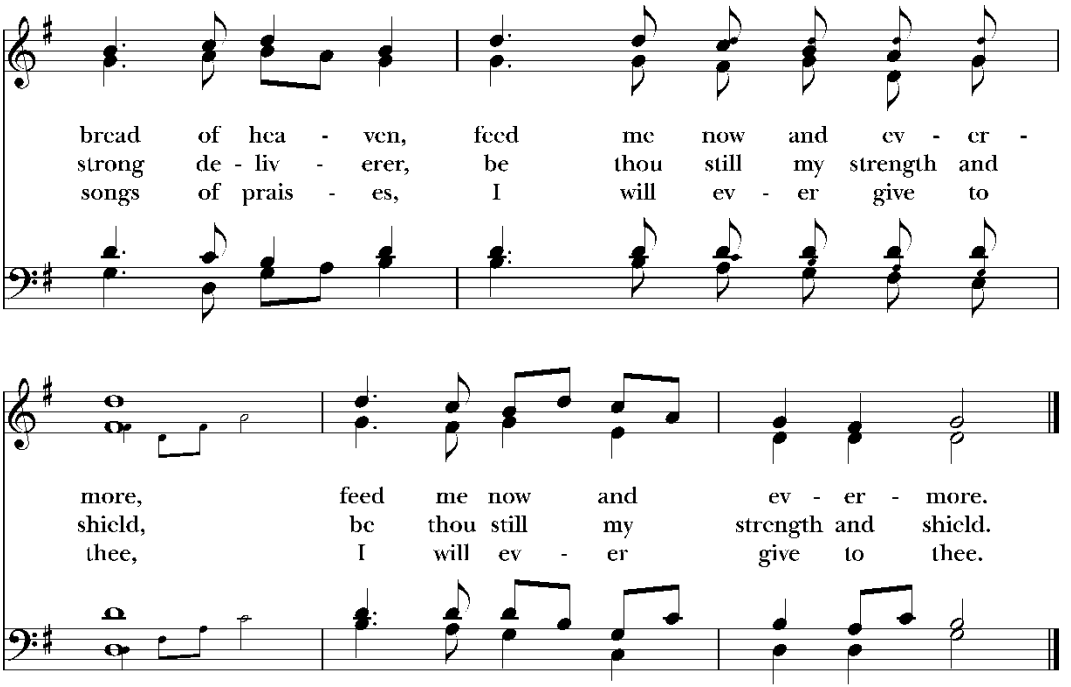
Wise and Foolish Virgins
William Blake (1826)

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.

All stand as able as the Ministers process into the church

The Opening Hymn: H690, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Word of God

The People standing as able, the Celebrant says

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant may say

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*, S-280**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made

like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The People sit.

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Reader A Reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

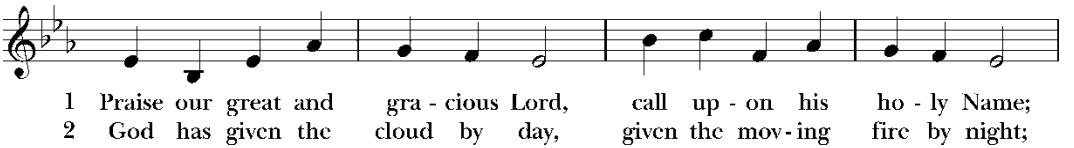
The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

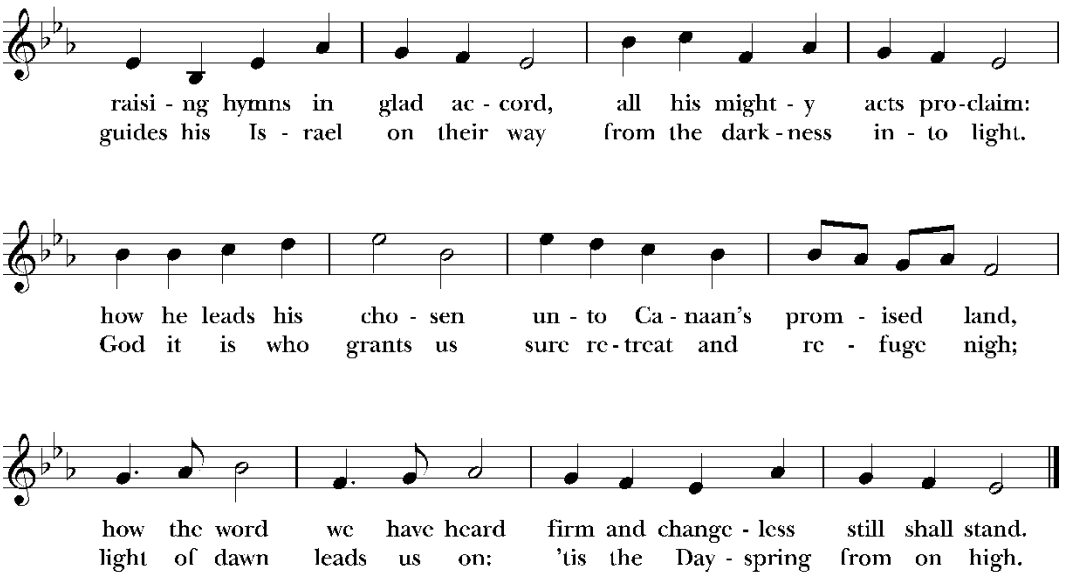
Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Sequence Hymn: H393, *Praise our great and gracious Lord*





Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt. Music: *Maoz Zur*, Hebrew melody; adapt. and arr. Eric Werner (1901-1988).

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Then, all standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon..... The Rev. John Rule

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing as able

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 (Form VI)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.***

The Peace

All stand as able. The Celebrant says to the People

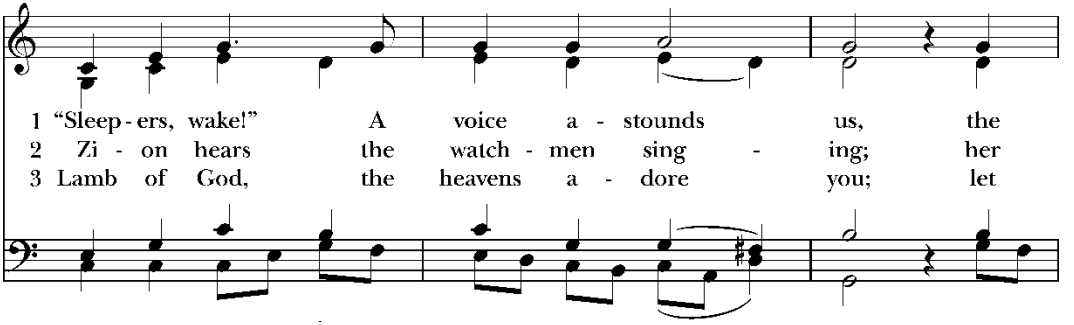
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

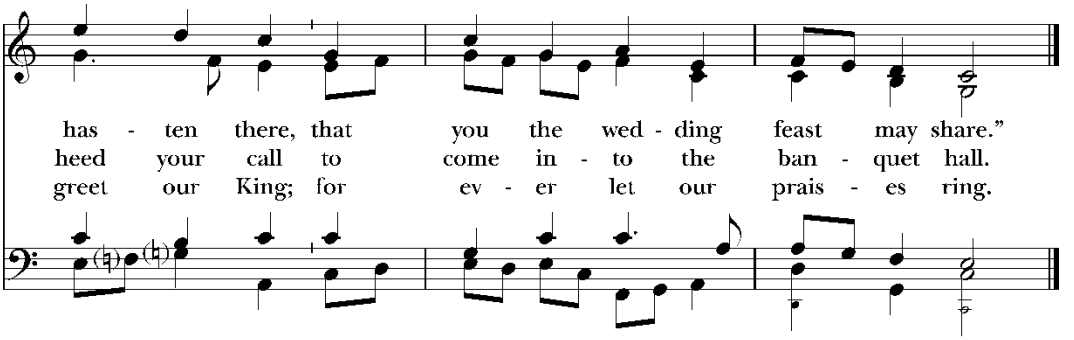
The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Hymn: H61, *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*




shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as
wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the
cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -


ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -
sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to



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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

The Doxology

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. Amen.

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.***

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:

S-130 Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues

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.***

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

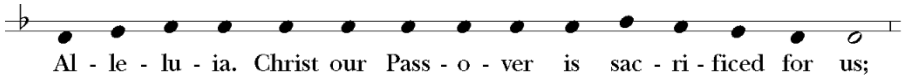
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

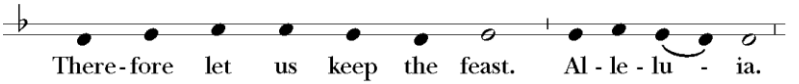
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then the Celebrant sings or says



The People sing or say in response



The Fraction Anthem: S-164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God.
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins.
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

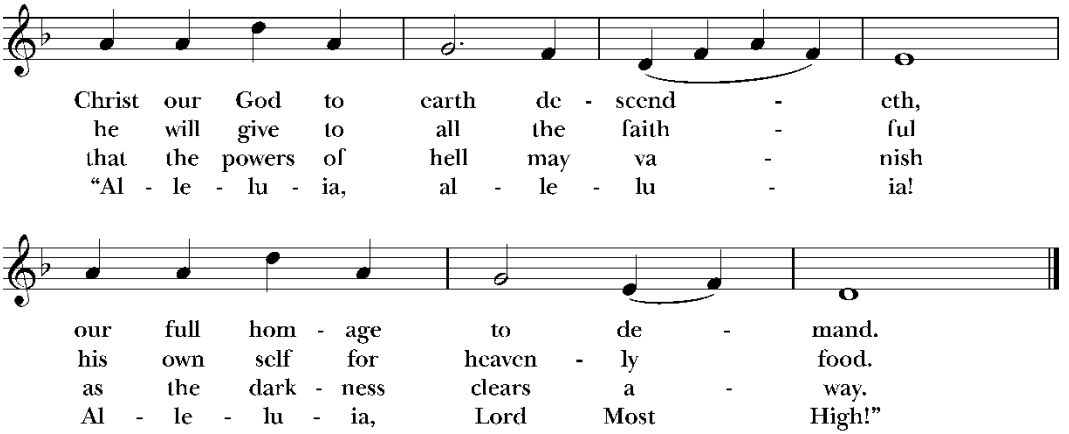
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Communion

All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at the altar of this parish church. Gluten-free wafers are available.

The Communion Hymn: H324, *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*





Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing of the Children

Announcements

The Final Blessing

The Closing Hymn: H336, *Come with us, O blessed Jesus*





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Birthdays & Anniversaries We Celebrate

Ernie Mosley's Birthday .....November 8
John Henley's Birthday.....November 12
John Rule & Paula Inman's Anniversary.....November 11

You are invited to come forward, at the invitation of the priest, to receive a birthday or anniversary blessing.

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People, who respond

Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Our Lord Jesus Christ
Head of the Church

The Right Reverend Poulson Reed
Bishop of Oklahoma

The Rev. John Rule
Vicar

Jack Kelly
Senior Warden

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Celebrant & Preacher:.....The Rev. John Rule
Eucharistic Ministers:.....Carle Robbins
Lectors:..... Janice Drummond, Yvonne Baker
Intercessor: .....Donna Ensing
Acolytes:.....William Mayfield
Oblationers:..... Kay Eason, Sue Dishong
Organist:.....Drew Ashley
Ushers:.....Rick Vivion, Craig Cottrell
Counters:..... Melissa Mullen, Craig Cottrell

Those For Whom We Pray THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

Prayers for Healing: Drew, Claudette & John, Linda, Charlotte, John, Joseph & Tera, Yvonne, Wayne

[Please let Fr. John or Melissa Mullen know if you wish to add someone to the Prayer List]

Those in Retirement Homes:

Those in the Armed Forces: For all who serve around the world

Christian People in the World: The people of Ukraine

The Clergy: Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; John, our Vicar

Our Wardens: Jack Kelly, Craig Cottrell

The Bishop's Committee: Dedee Cottrell, Anne Ghost Bear, Melita Hiddle, Nancy Robbins, Susan Soulsby, Susan Moffatt, Sue Dishong, Zac Cox, Rick Vivion

Our Parish Office Staff: Lee Ann Henley, Treasurer, Melissa Mullen, Secretary, Susan Moffatt, Bookkeeper

Our Organist: Drew Ashley

Our Choir: Lee Ann, Melissa, Marissa, Betty, Janice

The Faithful Departed: All those who have died because of gun violence or war

Community Christmas Eve Pageant

Interested in helping with the Community Christmas Pageant?
Please join us for a volunteer meeting today at 2:30 in the Parish Hall.
It's a big project and we can use lots of help!
Practices will be held on Sundays
November 15 through December 20; 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.,
with a meal for all participants and their families
after each practice.

Loose Change Sundays in November

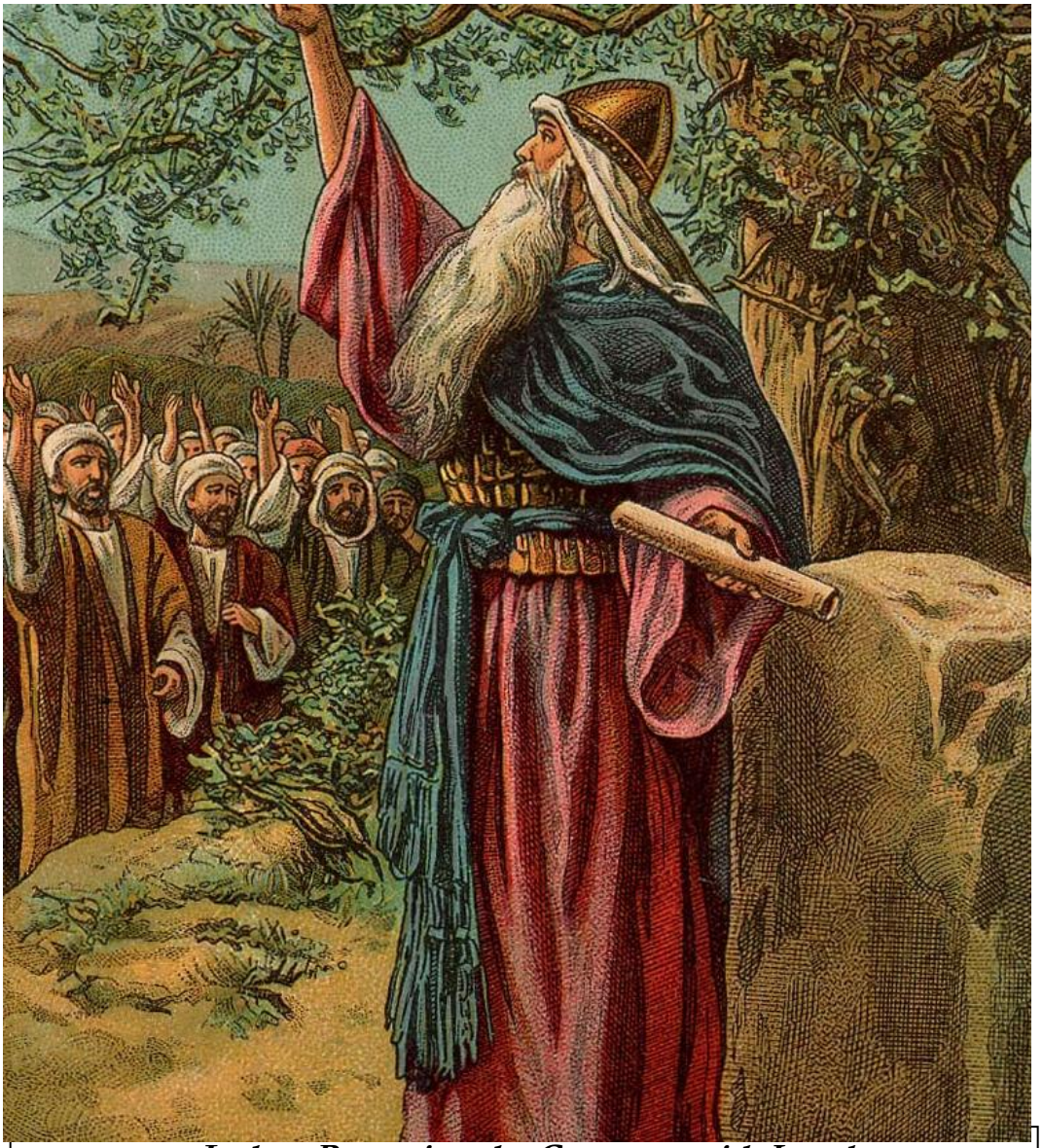
Gather and leave your loose change in the buckets in church.
The bank will count it, no need to roll it.
We'll also accept folding bills.
Proceeds will be used for the Christmas Eve Pageant.

Owen Elementary Opportunities

November 13th & December 4th
9am to noon
Popcorn Fridays
Need 5 volunteers to pop popcorn

December 9th
Biztown 8:30-1:30
Need 5-6 Volunteers

Questions?
Call or text Martha Alford
918-681-0937
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Joshua Renewing the Covenant with Israel



Triptych with the Last Judgement outer wings: Saints Peter and Paul

Lucas van Leyden (1525-27)

Welcome Visitors

We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
We would appreciate it if you would complete the card
found in your pew and place it in the alms basin,
or sign our guest register at the north or south entrance to the church.



May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your worship experience this day
and go with you throughout the week.

Our Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known through worship, prayer,
study, fellowship, outreach, and witness in our daily walk.

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