



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 10:15 a.m.



Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
Shout with joy to the LORD,
all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Psalm 98

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

✠ Processional Song

"Our God Is Here"

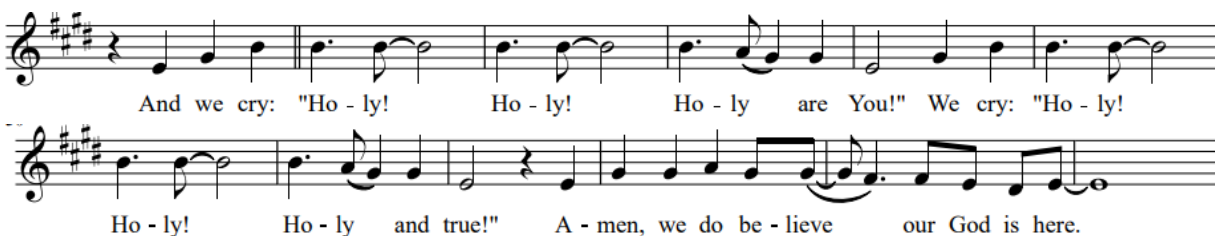
1. Here in this time here in this place
Here we are standing face to face
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here
Here for the broken here for the strong
Here in this temple we belong
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here

2. Here in the Word God is revealed
Here where the wounded can be healed
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here
Here we become what we receive
Here in this Eucharistic feast
We are His body living as one
Our God is here

Chorus:

And we cry holy holy holy are You
We cry holy holy holy and true
Amen we do believe our God is here
Our God is here

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The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

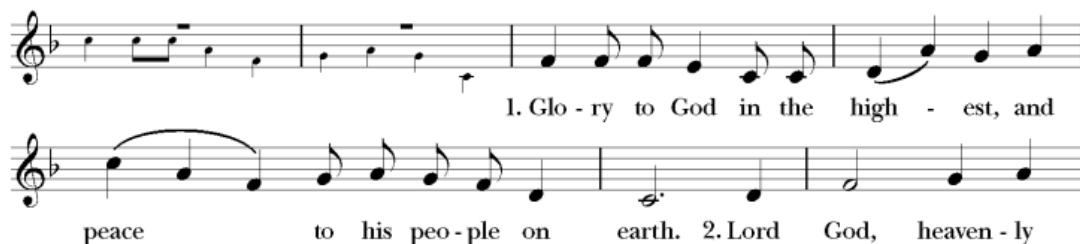
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal #S280



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

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

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 Lessons

The First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will

leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

✠ **Sequence Hymn**

“O Christ the Word Incarnate”

Hymnal #632

1. O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

3. O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

2. The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

Words: William Washam How
Music: *Munich*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

✠ 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

Celebrant: God of steadfast love and faithful promise, as this Church year draws to its close, receive the prayers we offer in hope and trust.

Intercessor: O Faithful God, strengthen your Church in every place. Uphold Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our Bishop, and all who minister in Christ's Name. Keep us steadfast in faith, courageous in witness, and patient in hope until he comes again in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Sovereign Lord, guide the leaders of the nations and all in public trust. Grant wisdom and integrity to Donald, our President; the members of Congress; Westley, our Governor; and Mona, our Mayor. Inspire them to seek justice, to serve with humility, and to labor for the peace and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of peace, look with mercy upon a world still divided by conflict and fear. Bring an end to violence, oppression, and hatred; defend the innocent, and renew in all people the desire for righteousness and reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of hosts, we remember with gratitude all who have served our country in times of war and peace. Grant to our veterans and their families your protection and your blessing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Merciful Healer, draw near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; to the lonely, the anxious, and the forgotten. We pray especially for those on our parish list: Jenny, Peg, Lianne, Jack, Jackie, Dewey, Eva, Paul, Thelma, Brandon, Jonathan, Drew, Richard, Mary, Danny, Darrell, Trevor, Ruth, Joseph, and Raymond. Surround them with your grace and give them your healing peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Shepherd of our souls, watch over this parish of Ascension. Deepen our worship, knit us together in fellowship, and send us forth in loving service, that we may be a sign of your kingdom in Westminster. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord of life, grant rest eternal to those who have died in the faith of Christ, and comfort to all who mourn, that they may know the hope of the resurrection and the light of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of every good gift, we thank you for the blessings of this life — for family, friends, and this congregation; and for all who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Jack, Kevin, and Steve. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our lives with praise.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Eternal and gracious God, ruler of heaven and earth, hear the prayers of your people. Keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence *To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*



The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"Shout to the Lord"

My Je - sus, my Sav-iour, Lord, there is none _ like _ You; _ All of my days.
I want to praise _ the won-ders of Your might - y love. _
My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
Let ev - 'ry breath, _ all that I am, _ nev - er cease to wor - ship
You. _ Shout to the Lord, _ all the earth, _ let us sing. _
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise _ to the King. _ Moun-tains bow down _ and the seas _
will roar _ at the sound _ of Your name. _
I sing for joy _ at the work _ of Your hands, _ for - ev - er I'll love _ You, for - ev -
er I'll stand, _ noth - ing com - pares _ to the prom -
ise I have _ in You. _

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✦ Presentation Hymn

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3 (*Enriching Our Worship*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

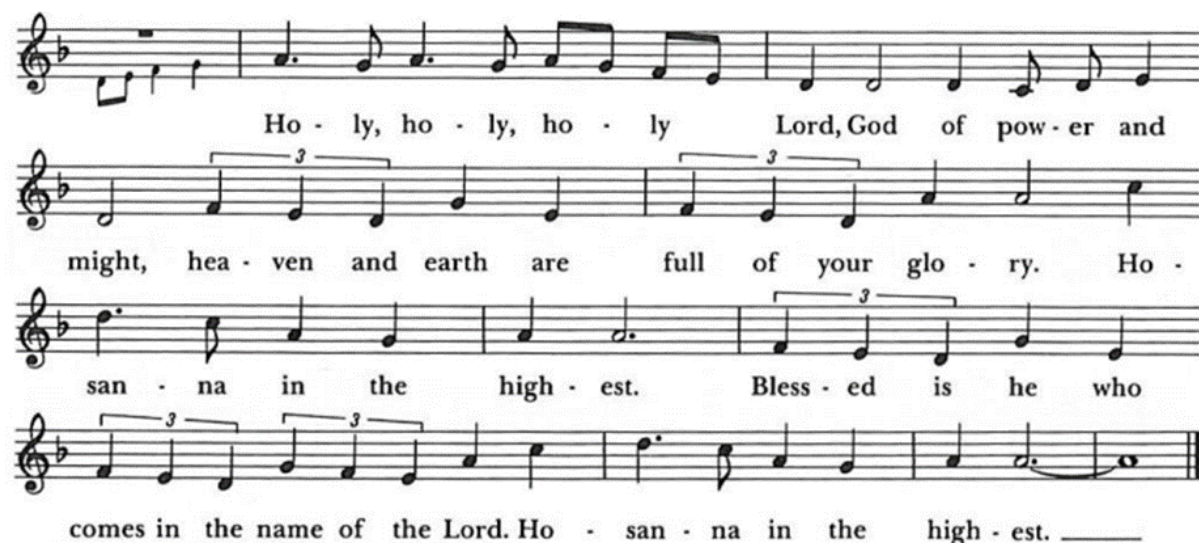
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S129



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us; the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power; may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and forever.

The Great Amen



The Lord's Prayer

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 Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

"Lamb of God"

Setting: Mass of St. Timothy, Matt Maher



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. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music

“All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty, All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.
Holy Spirit come. Holy Spirit come.

As deep cries out to deep, As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Come Lord Jesus come. Come Lord Jesus come.
Come Lord Jesus come. Come Lord Jesus come.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Song

“Thank You Lord”

1. I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.
For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.
Pre-Chorus:
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Chorus:
Thank You Lord. I just want to thank You Lord.
Thank You Lord.
I just want to thank You Lord (Thank You Lord)

2. For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.
You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord.

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The Dismissal : Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Assistants	November 16	November 23
Worship Leader	Martin Villanueva	Mary Butler
Musicians	Praise Ensemble	Adult Ensemble
Ushers	Debbie Linard	Debbie Linard, <i>1 needed</i>
Acolyte	Ellen Anderson	Kat Dittrich
Lector	John Holbert	John Holbert
Chalicians		John Holbert, Helen Lang, Jim Fariss, Sandy White
Worship Slides		Jeanne Cox
Audio Visual	Travis Collins	Travis Collins

November Altar Guild - Team 5: Susan Considine, Debbie Linard, Liz Lowe

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Mistletoe Mart, in thanksgiving for everyone's generous support with this year's Mart.

Attendance: November 9

8:00 am - 30 10:15 am In-person - 74 YouTube - 3 Facebook - 3 Total: 110

Readings for Next Sunday: The Last Sunday after Pentecost - C

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43