



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

August 13, 2017: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Welcome! Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Holy Communion.

Prelude:

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Gathering Song *Please stand.*

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

Good - ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than
hate; light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than
death. Vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours through him who loved
us. Vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours through him who loved us.

Opening Hymn: *Please stand.*

Earth and All Stars

Hymnal 412

Blessing the Backpacks

Everyone with a backpack or involved in education is invited to process to the front of the church.

As another school year begins, let us pray.

For all who are going back to school this fall. For students, teachers, administrators, staff, custodians, bus drivers, coaches, room parents, school board members. For all who teach and all who learn and all whose labors make teaching and learning possible.

We give you thanks, loving God.

For all who do not have access to quality education. For children who live on the streets or sleep on neighbors' couches. For children who go to school hungry and get no help with their homework. For children whose classroom is the shade of a tree and who walk miles for a drink of water. For teachers who are paid poorly or not at all.

Give us courage to work for change, loving God.

Everyone is invited to hold up their backpack or book-bag as Holy Water is sprinkled.

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and learning from them. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

The rest of the congregation is invited to stand and pray:

May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others. Amen.

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Genesis 1:29-2:3 (Adapted)

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22 *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **Refrain**

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen. **Refrain**

Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him. **Refrain**

The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He set him as a master over his household,*
as a ruler over all his possessions,
To instruct his princes according to his will*
and to teach his elders wisdom. **Refrain**

2nd Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

Matthew 14:22-33

The congregation is invited to sing the “Alleluia” to the tune of “Goodness is Stronger than Evil”. (See p. 1)

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is invited to sing the “Alleluia” to the tune of “Goodness is Stronger than Evil”.

The Sermon *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

Heidi Olliff

The Prayers of the People *standing or kneeling*

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.

We give you thanks for all those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Susan Norris, Joan Dellbringge, Rosemary Burrows, Markie Jo Crismon, Mary Haggerty, and Marie-Josée Fraley. 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 Lois Caplan Miller, Ron Villareal, and 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.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

(The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *standing*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you" or simply "Peace."

Welcome and Announcements *please be seated for a few brief announcements*

Offertory Anthem: *Come to my Garden* Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon

*Come to my garden nestled in the hills
There I'll keep you safe beside me
Come to my garden, rest there in my arms
There I'll see you safely grown and on your way*

*Stay there in the garden
Where love grows free and wild
Come to my garden
Come, sweet child*

*Lift me up and lead me to the garden
Where life begins anew
Where I'll find you
And I'll find you love me too*

*Lift me up and lead me to the garden
(Come to my garden)
Where life begins anew
(Rest there in my arms)
Where I'll tell you, where I'll show you
(There I'll see you safely grown)
A new life, a new life
(And on your way)*

Offertory Hymn

Guide My Feet Lord

WLP 819

Please stand and sing as the ushers bring forward our financial offering.

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.
don't want to run this race in vain.
don't want to run this race in vain.

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

In response all sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider gives thanks to God for Christ's redeeming work and remembers Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Then the presider invites the people to respond:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The presider then concludes with prayer for the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread, the wine, and the gathered congregation. The Eucharistic prayer concludes with a plea for the coming of God's reign.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Great Amen *We sing the "Amen" to the tune of "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (see p. 1).*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

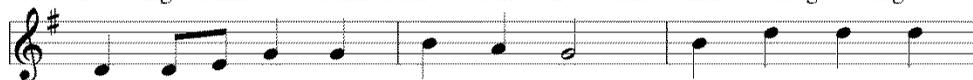
All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available, on request, from the minister. On the left (West) side of the altar rail, the chalice is filled with white grape juice, as a sign of welcome for those who choose not to consume wine. On the right (East) side of the altar rail, the chalice is traditional red wine.



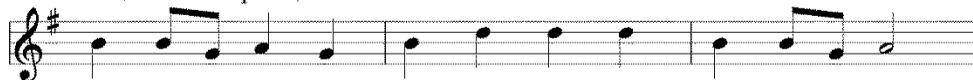
1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



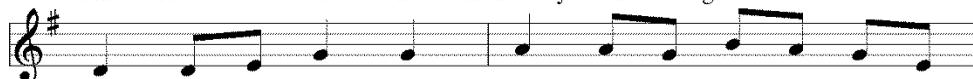
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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Post Communion Prayer *please stand or kneel*

Enriching Our Worship

**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 forever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing *please continue to stand or kneel as the priest blesses the congregation* *Enriching Our Worship*

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn: *standing* *Lauda Anima* **Hymnal 410**

The Dismissal: *our worship has ended, our service in the world continues*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Postlude on Lauda Anima* Robert J. Powell

Worship Leaders

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Mike Angell |
| Preacher | Heidi Olliff |
| Assisting Priest | The Rev. Marc Smith |
| Lectors | Ryan Freedle, Melissa Harris |
| Intercessor | Katie Kramer |
| Guest Musicians | Rebecca Hatelid, Melissa Harris |
| Crucifer & Chalice | Joe Adams |
| Chalice | Bill Haggerty |
| Ushers/Greeters | Corrine Lamberson, Burt Mayfield |
| Altar Guild | Esther Ezenwa, Edna Allen |

Announcements

Second Summer Sundays (5:30pm) Join us for one more second Sunday of the summer! We will have a simple relaxed service of Eucharist around the dinner table at 5:30pm in Mitchell Fellowship Hall, followed by a dance for all ages with The Gaslight Squares – the live band who played for us on Palm Sunday.

20's & 30's Brunch (12:30pm) We'll gather in the Lounge after church before heading out for brunch. Join us! To be added to our email list and hear more about the 20s and 30s ministry, email Ellis Anderson (bowenanderson@hotmail.com).

Sunday Book Club (11:45am) Come join our book discussion group in lively conversation about some great books, old and new. The schedule for the next few months is as follows: Aug 13 "Maltese Falcon" by Dashield Hammit; Sept 10 "Red Notice" by Bill Browder, Oct 8 "If you can keep it: the forgotten promise of American Liberty" by Eric Metaxas. New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Barbara Robinson (brobin313@aol.com).

Trinity Hot Meal – August 20 (1:00pm) Trinity Hot Meal primarily serves people who live near the Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End and are able to walk to the church. The meal is served every Sunday - 52 weeks a year. Each Sunday, a different community prepares a hot lunch to an average of 65 - 100 guests. Volunteers from Holy Communion will serve the meal at Trinity on August 20 at 1pm. For information or to get involved, contact Scott Ferguson at scott@scottfergusonphoto.com or 314-610-2730.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Hosts During the program year (the Sunday after Labor Day until the Sunday before Memorial Day) we serve a delicious, hot breakfast in Mitchell Parish Hall at 9:00am. Breakfast offers us a chance to catch up with one another before engaging in Adult Forum, Sunday School, Choir, or other Sunday morning opportunities. A sign up sheet to host breakfast is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway. Hosts shop for breakfast supplies on behalf of the church, prepare and serve breakfast. (Jerome Harris, our Sexton, helps with the clean-up.) Contact Ron Bullock and Bob Niedringhaus for more information (robertnstl@sbcglobal.net or 314-569-0971).

Holy Communion Choir The Choir sings at the 10:30 service each week during the program year. Our weekly rehearsals will resume on Thursday, August 31, at 7:15pm in the Choir Room, and our first Sunday singing will be September 10. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Mary Chapman at mchapman@holychommunion.net; or write your name, phone number, and email address on the sign-up sheet in the lounge. We'd love to have you sing with us!

The Community of Hope at the Church of St. Michael and St. George is sponsoring a pastoral care training program for interested lay people on Thursdays (5:30 – 8:30pm), September 7 to December 7. For more info, contact Mary Ann Cook (314-725-5860).

Christian Formation resumes September 17!

Pre-K thru Elementary Age: Children are spiritual. They have incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning out of the biblical stories they hear. This is the foundation for Godly Play, our Montessori-based Christian formation program for children. In Godly Play, we teach children the art of using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action. These are tools for them to articulate and wonder about the relationship they already have with God. Registration is not required for Godly Play. Simply bring your child to the downstairs classroom on Sunday at 9:15am. To find out more about email Heidi Olliff, Children's Ministry Consultant: hmolliff@holycommunion.net.



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