



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

August 20, 2017: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am

Prelude: *Laudate Dominum, KV 399* W.A. Mozart (arr. Gouin)

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
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Opening Hymn: *Please stand.* *Cwm Rhondda* **Hymnal 594**

Opening Acclamation

The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold

Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

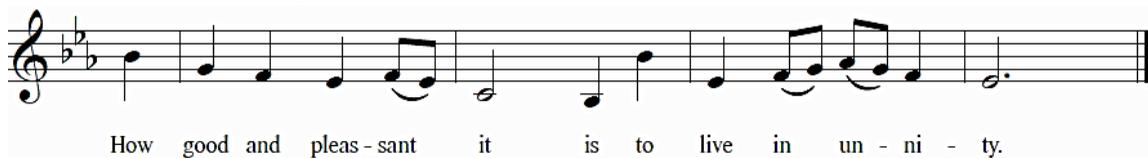
Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five

more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **Refrain**

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore. **Refrain**

2nd Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters We present Ilena Albarron and Suzy Wagy for Confirmation, and Colleen Haggerty and Paula Vise to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Candidates are then Confirmed, Received, or Renew their faith. When all the candidates have finished, the Bishop says to the people:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these, your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Offertory Anthem:*Hear My Words*

Stephen Paulus

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be;
 Hear my cry, my King, my God. I will make my prayer to Thee.
 With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
 And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.
 Thou art Holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin;
 Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win.*

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.
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Presentation of the Offering

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".*

A - men A - men! A - men, A - men!
men! A - men A - men! A - men, A - men!
men! A - men! A - men! A - men!
men! A - men! A - men! A - men!

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.

Hymn During Communion: *We are all one in Mission*

WLP 778



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call.
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same;
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-ge-th-er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*St. Elizabeth
The Welcome Table*

Hymnal 383
LEVAS 148

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*

Tidings

Hymnal 539

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:

Fairest Lord Jesus

James Mansfield

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the solar eclipse on Monday,
by Butch, Karen, Moe and Rocky Sterbenz.*

*We welcome Bishop Smith this morning, as he makes his annual visitation to Holy Communion.
Join us in Mitchell Parish Hall following the service for refreshments and to greet our bishop.*

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Mike Angell The Rev. Marc Smith
Lectors	Joe Adams, Cecily Hawksworth
Intercessor	Mary Haggerty
Crucifer	Scott Scoopmire
Chalice	Meg Goldstein, Mary Haggerty
Acolytes	Marta Mize, Chloe Olliff
Ushers/Greeters	Corrine & Pierce Lamberson
Altar Guild	Jean Parker

Announcements

Trinity Hot Meal – today! (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 today at 1pm. For information or to get involved, contact Scott Ferguson at scott@scottfergusonphoto.com or 314-610-2730.

Summer Pickup Choir August 27 (9:30am) Have you missed the choir during the summer months? Then sing in our summer pickup choir on August 27. We'll meet in the sanctuary at 9:30am, sing through the appointed hymns and psalm, and then learn a simple anthem for that morning's service. It's a great way to meet a few of the choir members, and to enjoy singing in a choir for a couple days.

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. In addition to a delicious meal, we get the 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).

Christian Formation resumes September 17! (9:15am)

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.

Parish Day Out Planning Meeting – August 23 (10:30am) Come bring your ideas for places to visit and explore at our annual planning meeting for the Parish Day Out program. Everyone is invited. We will meet in Mitchell Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 23, at 10:30 to begin planning activities for the next year. We'll break for a pot-luck salad lunch. (A signup sheet for salad items is on the round table in the Lounge.)

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@holycommunion.net. 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).

Our Mission Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

Can I receive Communion? Yes. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Are children welcome? Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion. We like to say we expect *everyone* to act their age. Acting your age as a little one can mean restlessness in worship. Wiggles and giggles are welcome too! Children learn by watching adults worship. There is a soft space at the back of the church, with coloring sheets, colored pencils and quiet books. Our chapel is a sound-proof place to bring a crying infant, or a boisterous toddler, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service. Ask an usher if you need any assistance.

How do I find my way around? There is a map by the Welcome Table in the main entryway (on the East side of the church). Also, feel free to ask anyone around you for directions, or help navigating the service.

Where are the restrooms? There are single-user, all-gender restrooms in the Lounge, through the main (East) door, and through the next glass door. There are gendered, larger restrooms downstairs (take the elevator or stairs at the end of the long hallway in front of that entrance). Changing tables are available in the downstairs restrooms or in the nursery.

Is there wheelchair accessibility? Yes. Our entrances have auto-open buttons, and our elevator is ADA compliant. Both the downstairs restrooms and one of the upstairs restrooms are accessible. Everyone is invited to remain seated during the service as they need.

What about hearing assistance? We can help there, too. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Just ask.

How do I get involved? If you begin by filling out a "Connect Card" in your pew, or at the Welcome Table, we'd be glad to keep you up to date with all that goes on here. You can also use the Connect Cards to update your information, request prayers, or to ask a question.

Become a member. All are welcome to be here and to explore. If you would like to learn more and meet interesting people, consider joining in Pilgrimage, the Rector's classes for newcomers and explorers. Our next class begins in September. Email the rector for more information (mangell@holycommunion.net).



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