



## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 11, 2018 at 10:30am

Welcome! Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Holy Communion.

### Prelude

**Entrance**

*God of the Women*

**see back of bulletin**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor  
Exultemus in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear and love the living God,  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

**Communion Hymns**

*Come Thou Fount*

LEVAS 111

*On Christ the Solid Rock*

LEVAS 99

**Exit**

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

Hymnal 423

**Postlude**

## The Ministry of the Word

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

**1st Lesson** *Please be seated*

**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn’t I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? Now isn’t Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don’t make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.” Ruth replied to her, “I’ll do everything you are telling me.” So Boaz took

Ruth, and she became his wife. He was intimate with her, the Lord let her become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi, “May the Lord be blessed, who today hasn’t left you without a redeemer. May his name be proclaimed in Israel. He will restore your life and sustain you in your old age. Your daughter-in-law who loves you has given birth to him. She’s better for you than seven sons.” Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian. The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They called his name Obed. He became Jesse’s father and David’s grandfather.

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

**Psalm 127** *All sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*



Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil. **Refrain**

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.  
Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift. **Refrain**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the children of one’s youth.  
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate. **Refrain**

## 2nd Lesson

## Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ didn’t enter the holy place (which is a copy of the true holy place) made by human hands, but into heaven itself, so that he now appears in God’s presence for us. He didn’t enter to offer himself over and over again, like the high priest enters the earthly holy place every year with blood that isn’t his. If that were so, then Jesus would have to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. Instead, he has now appeared once at the end of the ages to get rid of sin by sacrificing himself. People are destined to die once and then face

judgment. In the same way, Christ was also offered once to take on himself the sins of many people. He will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**The Holy Gospel** *please stand*

**Mark 12:38-44**

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

As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.” Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

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

### **Worship Leaders**

<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. Mike Angell	<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Beth Scriven
<b>Assisting</b>	The Rev Chester Hines	<b>Crucifer</b>	Joe Adams
<b>Lector</b>	Andrew Carpentier	<b>Intercessor</b>	Rebecca Messbarger
<b>Lector</b>	Cassandra Gonzalez	<b>Ushers</b>	Shelton Clark, Megan Ondr
<b>Chalice</b>	Elizabeth Hines	<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley Mensah, Christian Davis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Clara and Chloe Olliff		

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## Announcements

**Adult Forum:** Next Sunday join our rector and wardens for a conversation about the coming capital campaign and renovation.

**Annual Giving Pledge:** The church will celebrate the Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 18th. Please join us in making a commitment to do the work God is calling us to do. Pledge cards are included in the bulletin this Sunday and will be mailed out next week. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

**Next Sunday Music Festival: Celebrating the Church Year:** Join us for the second of this year's Festival Choral Eucharist on November 18 at 10:30am. In this service of Readings & Music, we will revisit all the seasons of the church's liturgical calendar year, from Advent through Ordinary time.

**Laundry Love – Tuesday, November 20:** (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) *We especially need volunteers this month, as the ministry grows and many of our regular volunteers will be away for Thanksgiving.* If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at [www.holycommunion.net](http://www.holycommunion.net) or today at the Welcome Table.

**Trinity Breakfast Volunteers:** We partner with Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End to help with issues of food security for the most vulnerable people in our region. On the third Sunday of each month a group from Holy Communion leaves after church to serve lunch at Trinity's soup kitchen. Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Scott Ferguson if you would like to volunteer.

### Stewardship Meditation: Capital vs. Annual Giving

One of the themes in this year's Stewardship Campaign is simply practical. Our vestry is actively working toward a capital campaign. Many folks filled out surveys about the coming campaign this Fall. Thank you for participating. You may be asking: "How do I determine what gifts are annual and what are capital?"

The church relies on **annual giving**, particularly in the form of pledges, for our day to day operations, to keep the lights on, pay staff, and to support our ministry. Many members give a fixed percentage of their annual income to the annual campaign. A pledge is disciplined giving, a commitment with a purpose. We hope your annual pledge is your first giving priority at the church.

**Capital giving** goes above and beyond the annual pledge. These are "generational gifts," and members often give from longer term resources, rather than from annual income. Capital giving allows us to make long-term investments in our buildings, in endowments, and in equipment and furnishings that will serve the church for generations to come.

-The Stewardship Committee