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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Handbell Choir

Suite for Handbells - Fanfare

Helman

Opening Hymn:

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymn 6



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of

on - ly Light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise!
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine;

Tri - umph o'er the shades of night: Day - spring from on
till thy mer - cy's beams I see, till they in - ward
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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

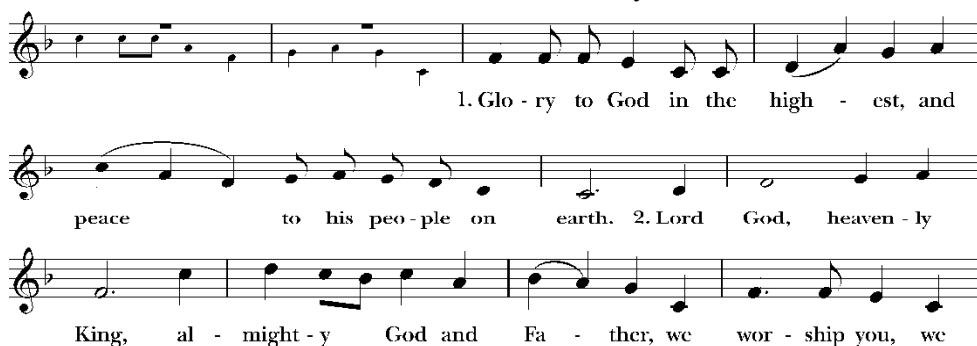
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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:

Glory to God

Hymn S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
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.

The 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

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Elizabeth Jordan

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.



Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- A 1 Sing to the LORD a new song. *
- for he has done marvelous things.
- B 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
- has he won for himself the victory.
- A 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
- his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- B 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.
- A 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
- lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- B 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
- with the harp and the voice of song.
- A 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
- shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- B 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
- the lands and those who dwell therein.
- A 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.
- B 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
- and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Pat Emenyonu

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.

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

Fine

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout,

na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right

D.C.

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

The Sermon

Rev. Don Davidson

The Nicene Creed *all standing*

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

Tim Grant

Let us pray for the world and ourselves.

We hold before you Lord this day our one Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church for members of our church community.

Pray for the church.

We hold before you Lord all who are in positions of authority, especially our president, that decisions for our country may benefit all people.

Pray for those in positions of public trust

We hold before you Lord people of all denominations and beliefs that living together in peace we may make the world a safe and accepting place to live.

Pray for our world

We hold before you Lord the city of Flint & surrounding communities, that sharing resources all may thrive by working together.

Pray for our community

We hold before you Lord our sick, our troubled and all who have needs only you can heal.

Pray for all who are in need

We hold before you Lord all who have died. May we share your kingdom together, as we await your coming.

Pray for those who have died

For Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, for Anne Hodges-Copple our assisting Bishop, and for this gathering.

Pray for all ministers.

Silence The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

Announcements and Prayers

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem:

Praise & Glory

Teleman

Doxology: *(verse 3 Hymn 380)*

**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.**

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. And of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chr. 29:14

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy

Hymn S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the

God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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 the Bread

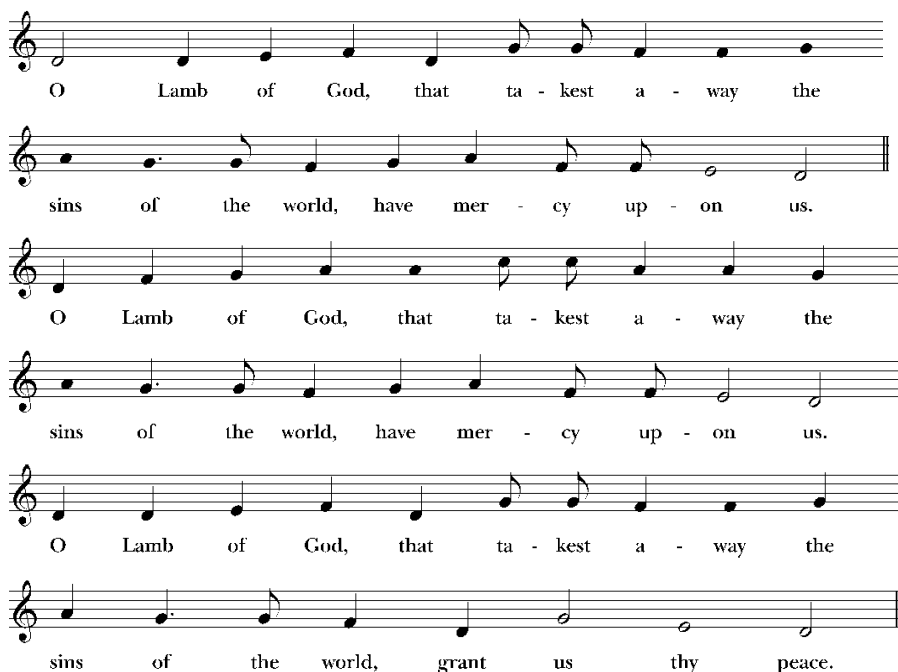
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Fraction Anthem:

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymn S 157



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.



Ministration of Communion – All are welcome at God's table.



If you are in need of special healing prayers, members of the Order of St. Luke are available during communion at the Sisters Chapel near the side entrance.

Communion Anthem:

O God of every nation

Hymn 607

Post Communion Prayer

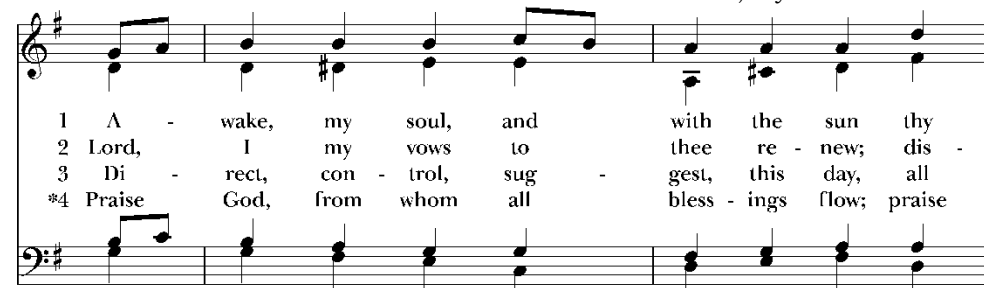
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

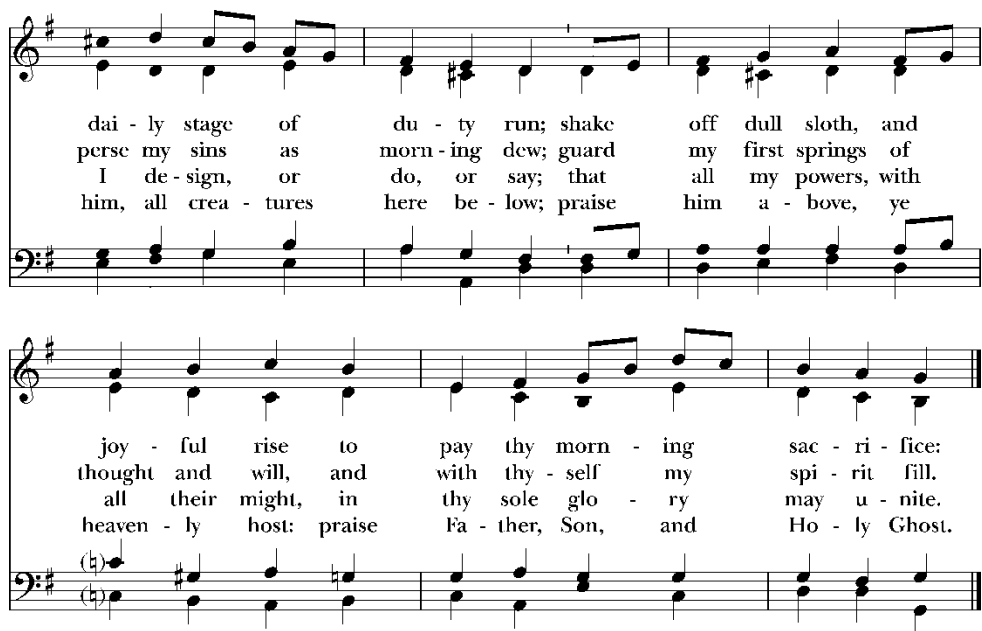
Recessional:

Awake, my soul

Hymn 11



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



The Dismissal

Postlude: Handbell Choir

Suite for Handbells – Toccata

Helman

This Week at St. Paul's

Monday	11:00	Pastoral Care Monthly Meeting - ZOOM
	7:00	NCC Rehearsal
Tuesday	11:30	Finance Committee Meeting
	5:30	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	12:10	Noonday Mass
	12:45	Weekly Bible Study
	6:00	Movie Night
Thursday	10:00	Common Threads
	1:00	GHS Trans Support Group
	6:00	Trans Day of Remembrance (People's Church)
Friday	7:00	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	4:00	Wedding Rehearsal
	5:00	Make & Take Advent Wreath Making
Saturday	9:00	NCC Sectionals
	9:00	Wedding

On the Cover: Genna Oertel & Holly Richardson All Saints Day, 2025. Photo by Jenna Bankston.

We welcome today: Our former priest, the Rev. Don Davidson. Welcome home Father Don!

In our diocesan cycle of prayer:

All non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations
Trinity, Marshall - Karka Love, Senior Warden
St. Gregory's Church, Norton Shores

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