

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book
which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel
(stained glass window area.)
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: "Prince of Denmark's Trumpet Voluntary March"

Jeremiah Clarke

Welcome and Announcements

See Insert

Moment of Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity.

At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.


Opening Acclamation

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


People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gathering Song: "Sanctuary"

John Thompson & Randy Scruggs



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu ar - y, pure and
Lord pre - pare me to be a tes - ti - mo - ny pure and
When the Lord comes with shouts of glo - ry and his
A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le -



ho - ly tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a
ho - ly tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a
work on earth is done, how I long to hear my
lu - ia A - le - lu - - - ia A - le lu - ia A - le -



liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.
liv - ing tes - ti - mo - ny for You.
God say: "Faith - ful ser - vant, well done!
lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Song: "Children of God"

Mac Powell

We are the saints. We are the chil - dren. We've been re - deemed.

We've been for - giv - en. We are the sons and the daught - ers of our God!

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace for Communion.

Children's Sending Prayer

O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Ten Bridesmaids Waited"

Tune: *All Beautiful the March of Days*
Text: *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*



Ten brides-maids wait - ed for the time the par - ty would be - gin.
The fool - ish brides-maids wait - ed too with lamps that lost their light.
O Lord, re - mind us that your day will come with great sur - prise.



They took their lamps to meet the groom, for they ex - pect - ed him.
For, un - pre - pared, they'd left their fuel back at the house that night.
So may we faith - ful - ly o - bey as peop - le who are wise.



The wise ones went out - side to wait with oil and some to spare.
The bride-groom came with fes - tive shout; the par - ty soon be - gan.
For deeds of jus - tice, words of prayer and acts of kind - ness, too,



They found the groom had been de - layed while he was trav - 'ling there.
The fools had lamps that soon went out; the wise had lamps at hand.
are ways we dai - ly can pre - pare as we wait here for you.



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Gospel Response: "Heleluyan"

Muscogee (Creek) Indian, trans. C. H. Webb



Ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le, ha - le - lu - jah.
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan, he - le, he - le - lu - yan.



Ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah; ha - le, ha - le - lu jah.
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan, he - le, le - le - lu - yan.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael Stephenson

Sacred Silence.

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

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.**

Please remain standing.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace, Ponca City, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Canon Michael, Father Joseph, Father James, Deacon Karen, Deacon Mary Ann, and all other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

For those with medical issues or other concerns: *Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Bill Landis, Reggie Egins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh,*

Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Ray Friedl, Jaime Mizael Fuentes, Rachel, Eric, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, John Muran, Sr., Lois Muran, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith.

For those in the military: *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C,* our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Lauren Luge, Tyler Davis, Soni Thomas, Stephen Greene, Lee Johnson, Kathy Roberts, Alex Chard, John Tipsword, Anthony Henderson, Chad Yarbrough, Nathaniel Elijah Womack.*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Art & Lyla Rousseau.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom including *Bill Hoover.*

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them
Who put their trust in you.

Please kneel.
Confession of Sin

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto the Almighty God.

**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.**

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Franz Schubert,
Adapted by Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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,

Please pray the Lord's Prayer in the version or language of your choice.

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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Fraction Anthem: "God's Paschal Lamb"

Sine Nomine

God' Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
sak - ing sin we share the bread of truth. Al -
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Candle Lighting

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other need you may have; light a candle and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.

Communion Meditation: "Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

J. Hart; Refrain: Anonymous

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider Let us pray.

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "Praeludium in E-Flat"

J.S. Bach

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service,
so that we may get to know each other.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel
after the service, where prayers and blessings will be given.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

*Deacon
People*

Let us pray.

**O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year.
Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of
their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10:45 A.M.
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Michael Stephenson

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Deacon: The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Moon, Claudia Rios-Estrada, Cheryl Mims-Wilson

Acolytes: Amethyst Beck and Zipporah Alsay

Lector: Bradley Davidson

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

In the third portion of the Nicene Creed, the Holy Spirit is said to “proceed” from the Father and the Son (the phrase, “and the Son”, or filioque, in Latin, was not a part of the original Nicene Creed but was added by Pope Leo III without assembling another Council to ratify his decision). Inclusion of the filioque phrase in the Creed was one reason for the Great Schism which wrenched Eastern and Western churches apart. The Episcopal Church has voted in its Convention to drop “and the Son” when the next Book of Common Prayer is published. Jesus is eternally begotten (“be the father of”) by the Father, while the Holy Spirit eternally proceeds (“out of”) from the Father. God the Father is the ultimate source of the Son and the Spirit, though the three coexist eternally. However, the Western Church has additionally understood “procession” to mean that the Divine Spirit’s Essence proceeds from the Father through the Son to the Holy Spirit and avoiding the Son was heresy. The Eastern Church believed that to have the Spirit come from both the Father and the Son heretically made the Spirit a subordinate member of the Trinity.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

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