

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 26  
(YEAR B)



October 30: 4:30pm

October 31: 10:30am

The Holy Eucharist, II B

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## **Saint Patrick Episcopal Church**

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop

The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest in Charge

Janie Cain, Senior Warden

John McQueary & Elizabeth Loiacono, Music Ministers

Dave Clayton, Verger

## **WELCOME!**

Today's service comes from the Book of Common Prayer. For thousands of years, Christians have gathered on this day to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Today's prayers are ancient prayers. By your participation, you join with all God's faithful people who have come before us. These are also "common prayers." Hundreds of thousands of Episcopalians will pray them today. Similar prayers will be used in Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Anglican churches around the world. Today, we join in prayerful celebration with Christians worldwide.

How to Worship: Today's service will include standing and sitting. If you are new to our church, please know that the "right" action is what is comfortable for you. Episcopalians are great lovers of diversity, and we welcome you in whatever way helps you to worship best.

All are welcome at the communion table.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

Instrumental

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

Celebrant: 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 *(said in unison)*

BCP 356

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory!  
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the father:  
receive our prayer  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people  
offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without  
stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever.

People: **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings and the Psalm.*

## FIRST LESSON

## Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

## THE RESPONSE:

*(Read responsively)*

## Psalm 119:1-8

1. Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
**who walk in the law of the Lord!**
2. Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
**and seek him with all their hearts!**
3. Who never do any wrong, \*  
**but always walk in his ways.**
4. You laid down your commandments, \*  
**that we should fully keep them.**
5. Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
**that I might keep your statutes!**
6. Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
**when I regard all your commandments.**
7. I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
**when I have learned your righteous judgments.**
8. I will keep your statutes; \*

**do not utterly forsake me.**

**SECOND LESSON**

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**BCP 357**

*(The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

**SERMON**

**Rev. Chris Brannock**

*(The people stand and say together)*

**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

*The people stand or kneel as the intercessors pray for the people.*

*After each prayer, the intercessor and people respond...*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: *(adds a concluding prayer)*

**People: Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People:** **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.**

Celebrant: 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Due to social distancing,  
please wave and express the peace via safe means*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

Instrumental

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...*(the celebrant adds a preface)*...  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of you glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: *(The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.)*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**People: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: *(The celebrant continues with a prayer, concluding...)*

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 forever.

**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as Christ has taught us we now pray,

All: **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 BREAD

BCP 364

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

## INVITATION

Celebrant: 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.

(The people are seated)

*Our table is open. All are welcome to come forward. All those baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the elements. Those not wishing to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms to receive a blessing.*

*The Bread and Wine are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **AMEN**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **AMEN**

## COMMUNION HYMN

Instrumental

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: *(The People stand)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant: *The Celebrant offers a blessing.*

People: **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: *The Celebrant says a dismissal.*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

Instrumental