

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Sykesville, Maryland
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Hymn 290 Come, ye thankful people, come *St. George's Windsor*

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

Words of Welcome

The Word of God

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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 S-277**David Hurd**

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 sin 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.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson**Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

Hymn 291 We plow the fields, and scatter

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1. We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

2. He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *[Refrain]*
3. We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,
but chiefly thou desirest our humble, thankful hearts. *[Refrain]*

All stand for the Gospel reading

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

After the Gospel, the priest says The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Timothy H. Grayson

The 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.*

The Prayers of the People

*The day of the Lord is soon upon us, a day not of wrath, but of salvation. As children of the light and of the day, let us await the coming of the Lord in prayer on behalf of the human family around the world, saying: **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

Let us pray for those who are not ready for the coming of the Lord, for the unbelieving, the skeptical, the scorners, that they may be brought to faith and rejoice to confess the name of the Lord. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for those who use their lips and lives to proclaim the good news of Christ's return, that they may persist in their zeal, empowered and emboldened through the gifts of your Spirit. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for those who, with joy and longing, await the return of the Messiah, that they may not grow weary in well-doing, but witness to the immediate and everlasting promise of our holy Redeemer. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for those whose lives are marked by hunger and need, grief and loneliness, anger and strife, discord and uncertainty, that each may be assured of the grace and mercy of God. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for those who suffer affliction of any kind, that God, their constant companion and champion, may grant them healing and hope and life. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for those who are prevented from praying with us, the persecuted and their persecutors, that each may be convinced of the good news of Jesus Christ and respond with faith and commitment. **O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray for ourselves, that the Spirit will ready us for the return of our Savior and King, that we may enjoy forever the exhilarating life awaiting the faithful in heaven. ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

(Please join the intercessor in saying the names of those on our parish prayer list)

Immediate Concerns

Judy Broske, Vic Russell

Ongoing Concerns

For Drew Baker, Larry Ballantine, Kathy Bigelo, John Bittorie, Jakisha Blackwell, Stacy Bonsall, Tom Breeden, Margaret Broadwater, Karen Jean Chappell, Lucille Clarke, Tammy Cole, Michael Cross, Aaron Ellis, Judson Foit, Dylan Foxwell, Barbara Fuston, Sandra Gaines, Bob Gault, Nancy Gerace, Fr. Gary Hawkins, Melissa Hawkins-Holt, Roz Healy, Mary Johnson, June Linden, Mike McNeley, Michelle McTaggart, Eddie Mignini, Dan Moyer, Barbara Nieberding, Liz Pugh, Ollie Rivera, Bobbie Schneider, Kim Simpson, Barbara Sortore, Rachel Stevens, Jenn Thatcher, the Rev. Mary Walton+, Baby Girl Wilburn, and Jimmy Wiley. ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For all who have died, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For the leaders of Israel and Hamas, Ukraine and the Sudan, that the killing of soldiers and civilians will cease, and that peace will prevail, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For the victims of gun violence and mass shootings in our cities, suburbs, and rural areas, and for the parents, relatives, and friends of those killed, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For our bishops, Eugene, and Carrie, and for our priest, Tim, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For the residents, staff, and volunteers at Copper Ridge and the Night-by-Night Shelter, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

For the Homework Club at the Historic Colored Schoolhouse -- the volunteer teachers, the students, and their parents, ***O God, for the sake of Christ, have mercy on us.***

Birthday Prayer – Bonnie Briscoe, Cooper Clark, and Mary Eleanor Grauel

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Bonnie, Cooper, and Mary Eleanor, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer – Terry and David Britton

Terry and David, may the Lord smile upon you in all your comings and goings. May you share more blessings than burdens, more laughter than tears, and more strength than you will ever need. May the past make you grateful and the future make you hopeful. And may each passing year of your togetherness affirm that love lasts when you put faith and family first. And as you continue to walk hand in hand under God's heaven, may your path be smooth and your memories sweet, now and for all the days to come. *Amen.*

Let us now offer our own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud (**Pause**)

Celebrant: We lift these prayers to you, O God, that they may be acceptable in your sight. Help us to answer your call to discipleship this day and every day, and to walk lovingly alongside our neighbors in Christ's name. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and 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.*

The Priest stands and says,

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Offertory **For the Beauty of the Earth** **F. S. Pierpoint**
The Stone Church Pickers

The Doxology: **Verse 3, Hymn 380** **Old 100th**

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.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds:

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S-124 **Holy, holy, holy Lord** **David Hurd**

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

The Celebrant continues:

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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,

People and Celebrant

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Fraction Anthem S-154 Alleluia

David Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 335 I am the bread of life

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The Stone Church Pickers

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Hymn 397 Now thank we all our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

The Dismissal

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The FLOWERS on the Altar are to the Glory of God

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Parish Ministries

(Please call the office for phone numbers or consult the parish directory)

Acolytes, Crucifers and Greeters – Grace Mercer

Altar Guild – Shari Hodges

Blanket Ministry - Chris Gunther

Choir – Julia Colonna, Music Director

Copper Ridge Spiritual Companions – Fr. Tim

E.S.C.A.P.E. Ministries – Linda Pugh

Homework Club at HCS – Pam Jacobs

Hospitality – Pat Lochran, Linda Pugh

Livestreaming – Lisa Thomas

Night-by-Night Shelter– Wayne Pugh

Pantry Project – Jill Singleton

Prayer Bead Ministry – Lisa Thomas

Readers – Huston Jacobs

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