

St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 26

Holy Eucharist Rite I

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8:00 a.m.

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Supply Celebrant/Preacher: Rev. Randy Wilkinson

The People enter, maintaining physical distance. The People stand. The Celebrant and LEM proceed.

Opening Rites

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto 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.

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto

it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may run without stumbling to obtain thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 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,

2 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

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decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long.

3 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.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

7 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.

8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,

9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:1-8

Read by the Lector

- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.
- 4 You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- 5 O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- 8 I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

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The New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹ But 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), ¹²he 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. ¹³For 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, ¹⁴how 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!

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ ²⁹Jesus answered, ‘The

first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ 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.” ³¹ The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ ³² 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”; ³³ and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ ³⁴ 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon: Rev. Randy Wilkinson

The Creed

Led by the LEM, the People say:

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not
made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was
made human;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was
buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,
and shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And *we* believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father *and the Son*;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And *we* believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The LEM or Reader leads the People in the following prayers

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

Silence

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

Silence

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things,
judge of all people:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Comfort

A Minister may then say one or more of the following [sentences](#), first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,
People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another.¹

The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

¹ Note: *The People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou has sent thine only-beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in hope of everlasting life; that when he shalt come again in triumph to judge the world, we might without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The People, led by the LEM, say

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. The People hold forth their gifts, if any. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one

oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire that thou mercifully accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the LEM, pray

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, and then keeps a period of silence.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy
upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy
peace.

The LEM may then lead the People in this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting
in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are

not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People come forward to retrieve the hosts, maintaining physical distance.

They consume the hosts and their gifts upon returning to their seats.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then lead the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou preparest for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

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The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thank you, Rev. Randy Wilkinson, for being our Supply
Celebrant/Preacher for today.**

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