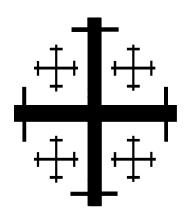
Pentecost X

17 August 2025

8 & 11 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Prelude

Partita on 'Erhalt uns, herr' Robert Powell 1932-2025

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

Confession And Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

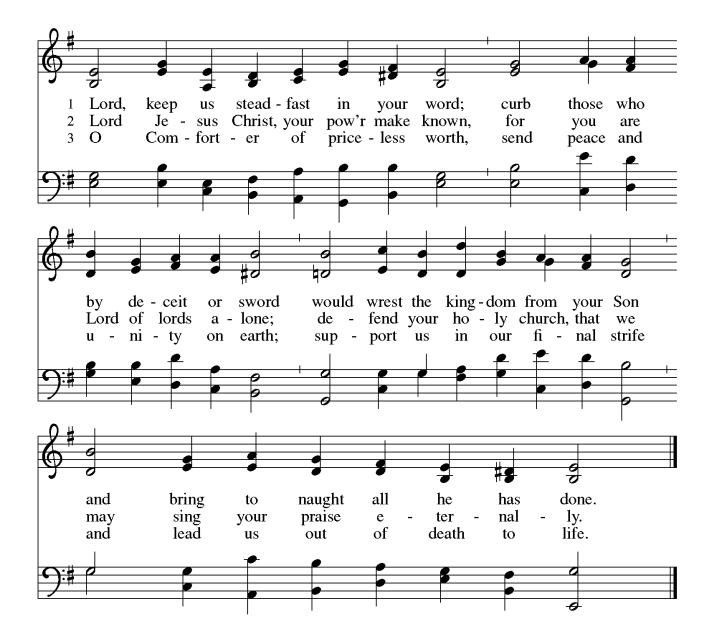
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ♣ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Please turn in place as the cross passes in procession.

Entrance Hymn Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW 517)

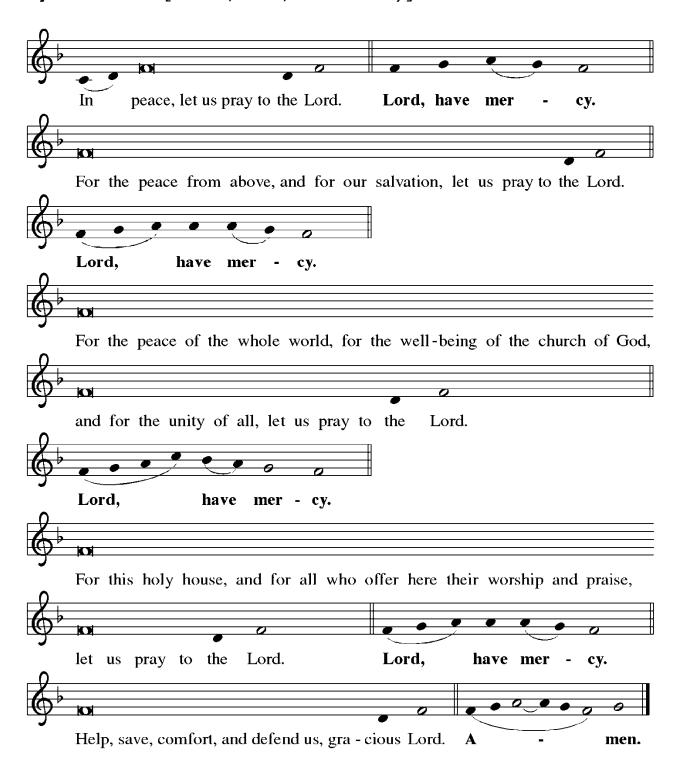


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Apostolic Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ★ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

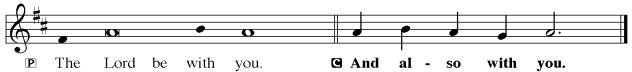
Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of The Day



- P Let us pray... O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated for today's scripture readings

First Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29

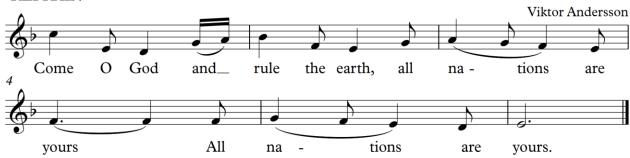
²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?

²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

REFRAIN PSALM 82



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1. God presides over a meeting of the gods in heaven assembled, and proclaims a just decision: All of you are children of the Most High, yet you shall die like Adam, for your judgements are unjust. You side with the wicked.

Refrain

2. "Fight for justice for the lowly, defend the poor and orphaned. Rescue them from the wicked. Ignorant and senseless, you walk in dark. You understand nothing. Your positions undermine all earthly existence." **Refrain**

Second Reading Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and

mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

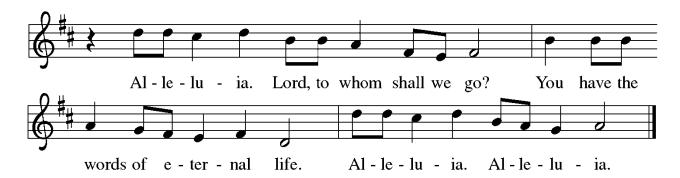
³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

Alleluia Verse & Gospel Acclamations



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter



[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

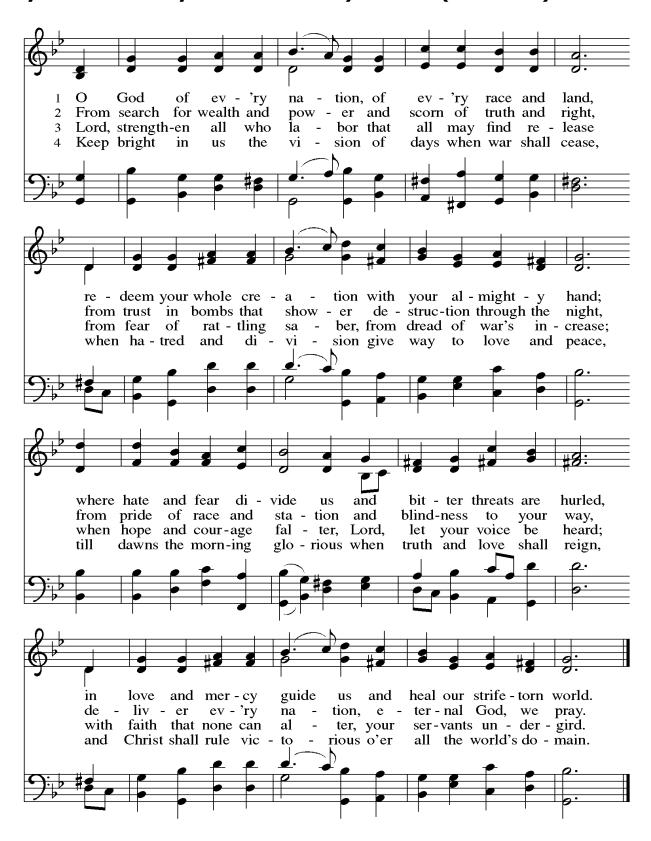
⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon Pr Kyle S

Hymn of The Day O God of Every Nation (ELW 713)



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Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

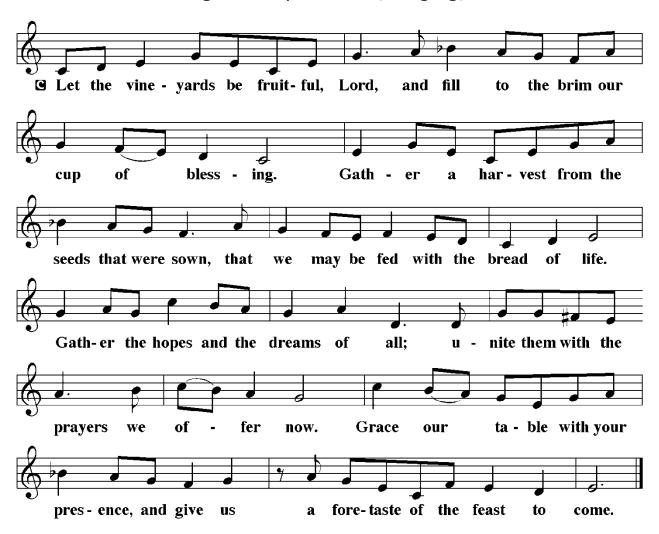
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Benedetto Marcello 1686-1739

Mickey Nowell – Tuba

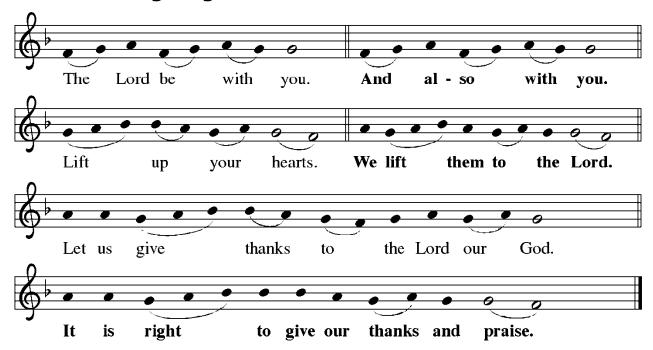


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]





Eucharistic Prayer

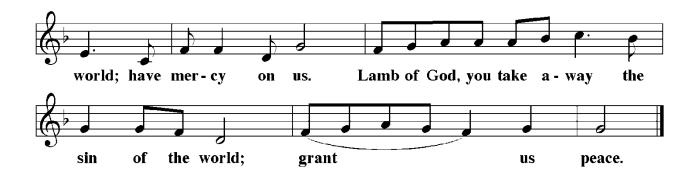




- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- All Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- P The body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]







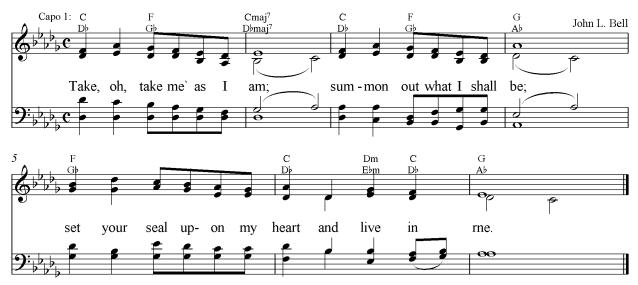
HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide you.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Take, Oh Take Me AS I Am (ELW 814)



Text & Music: John L Bell b. 1949, © 1995 Wild Goose Resource Center, Iona Peace Institute: GIA Publications, Inc.

If You But Trust God to Guide You (ELW 769)

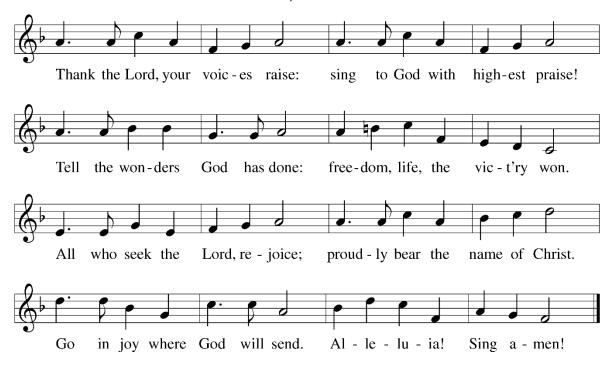


Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord, Your Voices Raise



Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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A Let us pray... Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

Recessional Lead On, O King Eternal! (ELW 805)



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917. Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

- A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fuge in G Major
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Meg Acker	Fred Ginapp
Assist. Minister	Mickey Nowell	Michaelann Wood
Ushers & Greeters		Monica Neeley, Dale Abram and Eddie & Val Wilkerson
Altar Guild	Meg Acker	The DeFrang Family
Audio / Live Stream	Gary Graeber	Zach Williams & Lauren Burkett

Viktor Andersson, Director of Worship & Music Debbie Villavicencio, Organist

WELCOME SUSAN FUCHS! our guest organist this morning.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153 Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.