

# **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 17, 2025 • 10 am • Holy Eucharist**



**St. Michael's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

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# The Word of God

## \* Processional Song

*"Praise to the Living God"*

Hymnal # 372

## \* Opening Sentence

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

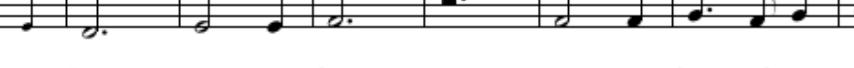
## \* Gloria

*"Glory to God"*

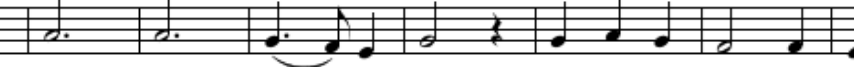
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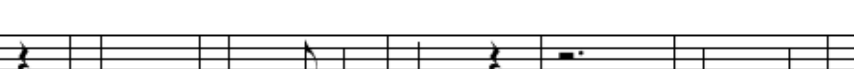
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1. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,

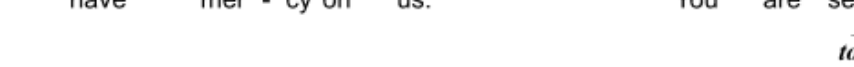


Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed

*to beginning*



— at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

2.

2. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

**People      And also with you.**

Celebrant      Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**First Lesson**

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They 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. Let 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. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

## Psalm 82

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By 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. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered

kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They 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-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

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

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, looking 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.

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

\* **Sequence**

*"Open Your Ears"*

Hymnal # 536

\* **Holy Gospel**

Luke 12:49-56

Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell

you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they 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."

He 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. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? "

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

## **Sermon**

The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau

### **\* 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.

### \* **Prayers of the People**

Daughters of the King *Service for Peace* (adapted)

DOK Intercessor: Almighty and merciful God, whose only Son came to preach peace to the nations: Hear us, we beseech you, and comfort us with your steady hand. Because we trust in you, we dare to believe:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

Although often lost in grief and overwhelmed by fear and anger, we hear your call to firmer faith and deeper trust. In the midst of doubt and fear you call us to be a people of prayer. Help us, O Lord, to place our confidence in you as we pray for all who have lost loved ones ... to those traumatized by memories and images they cannot forget ... to those who are paralyzed by fear ... to those who seek to do us harm.

**Hear us, O Lord, and teach us to pray, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

O God, true source of wholeness and peace, in a world bearing the wounds of suffering and grief, you call us to be a people of healing. Help us to reach out to neighbors in need, to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep. Give us the grace to share the comfort of Christ with all those who long for his healing touch. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love.

**Hear us, O Lord, and help us to heal, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Strong God of love, in a world torn by violence and threatened by revenge and hatred, you call us to be a people of love. Give us strength to love even when love is most difficult. Save us from the desire for vengeance, and from the temptation to rejoice in wrongdoing. So fill us with the love of Christ that we might seek the good for all people. Do not let us be overcome by evil, but help us overcome evil with good.

**Hear us, O Lord, and show us how to love, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

God of truth and light, in a world of darkness you call us to bear witness to your light. Guide us by your Spirit, that we might reflect the glory of your Son in his courage in speaking the truth, in his compassion for others, in his willingness to bear suffering, and in his refusal to return evil for evil.

**Hear us, O Lord, and guide our witness, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

Almighty and ever-faithful God, in a world of despair you call us to be a people of hope. When we are cast down or dismayed, keep your Spirit alive in us. Grant us faith to look forward with confidence to that day when the whole world will be drawn into willing obedience to your reign and people will come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at one table in your kingdom.

**Hear us, O Lord, and fill us with hope, for you alone are our refuge and strength.**

You, O Lord, are our refuge and strength, our help in time of trouble. Forgive us, your Church, for the times we have failed in our actions or our inactions, in our words or our silence.

*I invite you to add names for remembrance, spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts.*

Help us to hold our hearts and show in our lives what we proclaim with our lips:

**Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Hope is stronger than despair.**

Celebrant: Let every heart be filled with a bright reflection of everlasting love, gratefulness, and belonging. Let every heart that offers this prayer, or holds thoughts of hope and love toward all, be filled today with peace and abundance. *Amen.*

## \* Confession

BCP p. 360

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

**All: 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. *Amen.*

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

- Dogs vs. Cats! (Collection Drive for the Necessity Pantry)
- Decon/Recon and Midweek Eucharist
- Third Thursday: CPR & AED training

# The Holy Communion

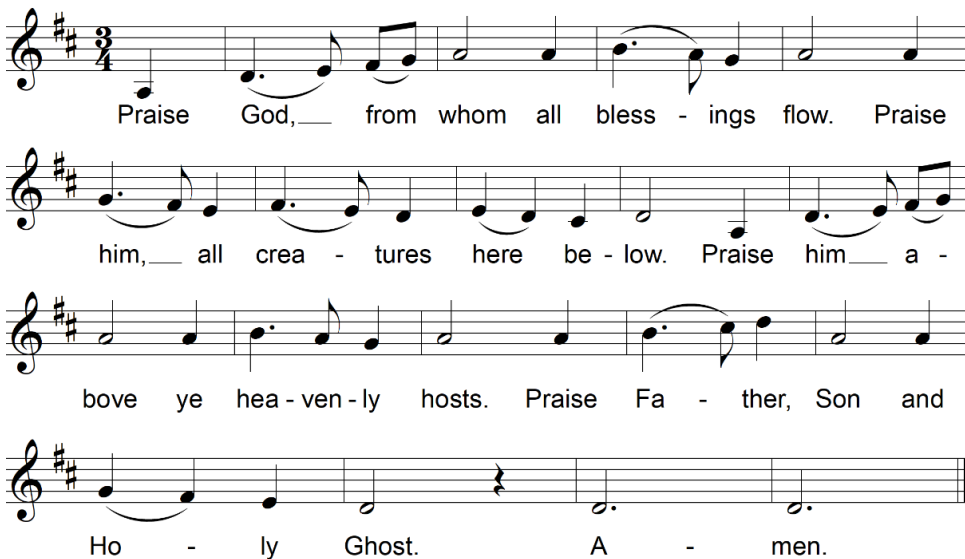
Offertory

*"We Walk by Faith"*

Hymnal # 209

## \* The Presentation

*"Doxology"*



Praise God,\_\_\_ from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise  
him,\_\_\_ all crea - tures here be - low. Praise him\_\_\_ a -  
bove ye hea - ven - ly hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son and  
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## \* The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

*"Sursum Corda"* Hymnal # S-120

**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 our 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.

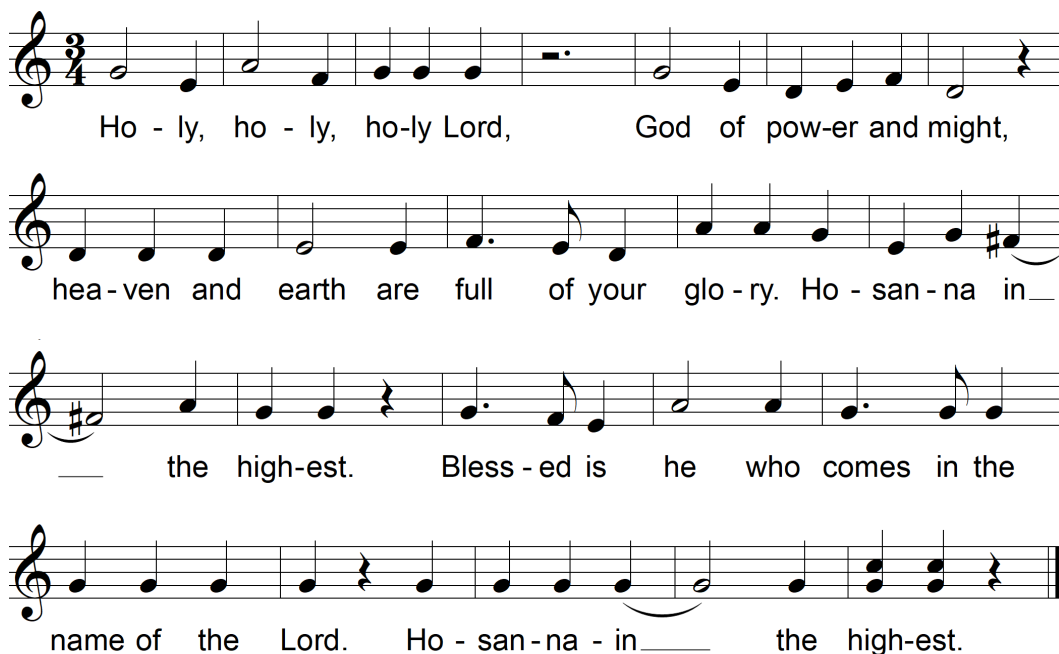
For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

\* **Sanctus**

*"Holy Holy Holy Lord"*

Swaney



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again;**

Celebrant: 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!***

## \* The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ 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.

## \* Fraction



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.



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

## Communion Hymn

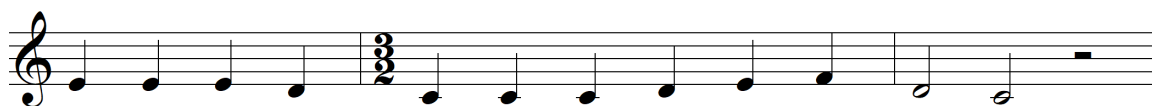
*"In the Singing"*



1. In the sing - ing in the si - lence  
2. In the ques - tion, in the an - swer,



in the hands ex - pec - tant, o - pen, in the bless - ing,  
in the mo - ment of ac - cep - tance, in the heart's cry,



in the break - ing, in the Pres - ence at the ta - ble.  
in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple.

*Refrain:*



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ be the bread of peace.

## \* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** 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.



# \* Closing Hymn

*"We Will Serve the Lord"*



1. Wealth can be an i - dol, built of gleam - ing  
2. Plea - sure is a si - ren, prom - is - ing the  
3. Pow - er is a hun - ger, burn - ing in the  
4. Fa - ther of all mer - cy, giv - er of all



gold, \_\_\_\_\_ bring - ing dreams of par - a - dise, \_\_\_\_\_  
flesh, \_\_\_\_\_ brief re - lief from emp - ti - ness, a  
breast, \_\_\_\_\_ to walk a - mong the might - y \_\_\_\_\_ and  
life, \_\_\_\_\_ here we speak our cov - e - nant a -



fu - tures bought and sold. Some will choose to  
hid - ing place from death. Some will choose to  
tram - ple on the rest. Some will choose to  
bove the nois - y strife. Hear us shout in



gath - er it, \_\_\_\_\_ all that they can hoard, but  
chase it \_\_\_\_\_ un - til it leaves them bored, but  
gain it \_\_\_\_\_ by lie or guile or sword, but  
glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ a - bove the pa - gan horde: \_\_\_\_\_



# \* Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Parish Prayer List

As of August 13, 2025

At the end of August, we will be purging this entire list and starting from scratch. Please make note of any individuals below that you will want to remain on the Parish Prayer List. After September 1, we will provide a link for you to add them back onto the list, along with any new prayer requests. Thank you!

### Bereavement

- Chris
- David
- Pedro
- Jeremy
- Jerry
- Dorothy (Muriel Woodburn's mother)
- The Rev John Biggs
- Carmen Jaime
- Andy
- Joe
- Brent
- Dora
- Nathaniel

### Healing and Comfort

- Dewayne
- Robin
- Mike S.
- Christina M.
- Leslie
- Brandon
- Terry
- Paul
- Tyler
- Larry McEnroe
- Ron & Marie
- John & Joanne
- Madeline
- Christy & Family
- Mary D.
- Wayne
- Les
- Donna M.
- Mary A.
- Martha Jaime
- Sally
- Marilyn
- Ashlea
- Lisa
- Steve, Maury & Cooper
- Peggy & Joe
- Danny & Stacey
- Trisha
- Maury
- Cooper
- Debbie
- Carla
- Pat & Dale
- Lynette
- Dennis
- Tim
- Tina
- Dan
- Elsie
- Dan
- Millie
- Dickie
- Jase
- Ed
- Chris
- Rusty & Debbie
- Donna H.
- Dennis
- John A.

## **Nursing Home & At-Home**

- Jerry and Tom
- Marybeth A.
- Shirley N. at Autumn Terrace
- Barbara W. at Wiltshire
- John M.
- Irene

## **Strength and Support**

- Brad K.
- Vida
- Janet
- Christopher
- Danielle
- Jerome
- Jaidyn
- Tyler
- Judy & Sal
- Those suffering violence in  
Ukraine, Gaza, Israel
- those in prison, especially  
Sam D., David and Brandee
- the homeless, especially Chris

## **Thanksgivings**

- Zelda
- Our St. Michael's church  
family
- Our new Bishop, Amy Dafler  
Meaux