



MISSION STATEMENT

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

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The Word of God

Prelude: *We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps* by W. Wallace

OPENING HYMN-*I love thy Kingdom Lord- Blue Hymnal 524*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE- Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord- HYMNAL 178- VERSE 2

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:



Al - le -

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING:

Michael Proscia

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an

expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17- *Alternating whole verse, beginning with the Celebrant*

1. Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.
2. *Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in you.*
3. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.
4. *Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*
5. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
6. *Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.*
7. In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.
8. *Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.*
9. All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your Name.
10. For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.
16. Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING:

Charles Mizell

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN- *I have decided to follow Jesus – LEVAS 124 (red and black hymnal.)*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!” So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many parrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY – The Rev. Tim Black

THE CREED

All stand.

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

Susan Schubert

All remain standing.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Rob and our Presiding Bishop Michael; we pray for our parish partner in Cape Coast, Ghana, The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, for their people, and for their priests, Fathers Enoch and Francis; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Frank Harrell, Fernanda Contreras, and Debra Cole.

The congregation is invited to name their concerns, out loud or silently.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Lena Robbins and Homer London .

The congregation is invited to add their prayers for those who have died.

Pray for those who have died.

We give thanks for God's good gifts that surround us; for this community, for the recent work done on our playground by the College Park Women's Association, for our sister church, Church of the Incarnation, and for our new Charter School tenant and partner, Atlanta Liberation Academy.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially St. John and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: Lord, hear our prayers, and what we have asked faithfully, may you grant effectually, to the glory of your name. AMEN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

We conclude the Passing of the Peace by singing:

We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity may someday be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Praise the Lord through every nation- Blue Hymnal 484*

The congregation stands as the offerings are presented during the singing of the Doxology.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all — bless - ings flow,

Praise Him all crea - tures, here be - low.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. Both systems end with a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff.

Praise Him a - bove ye — heav - en - ly host.

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

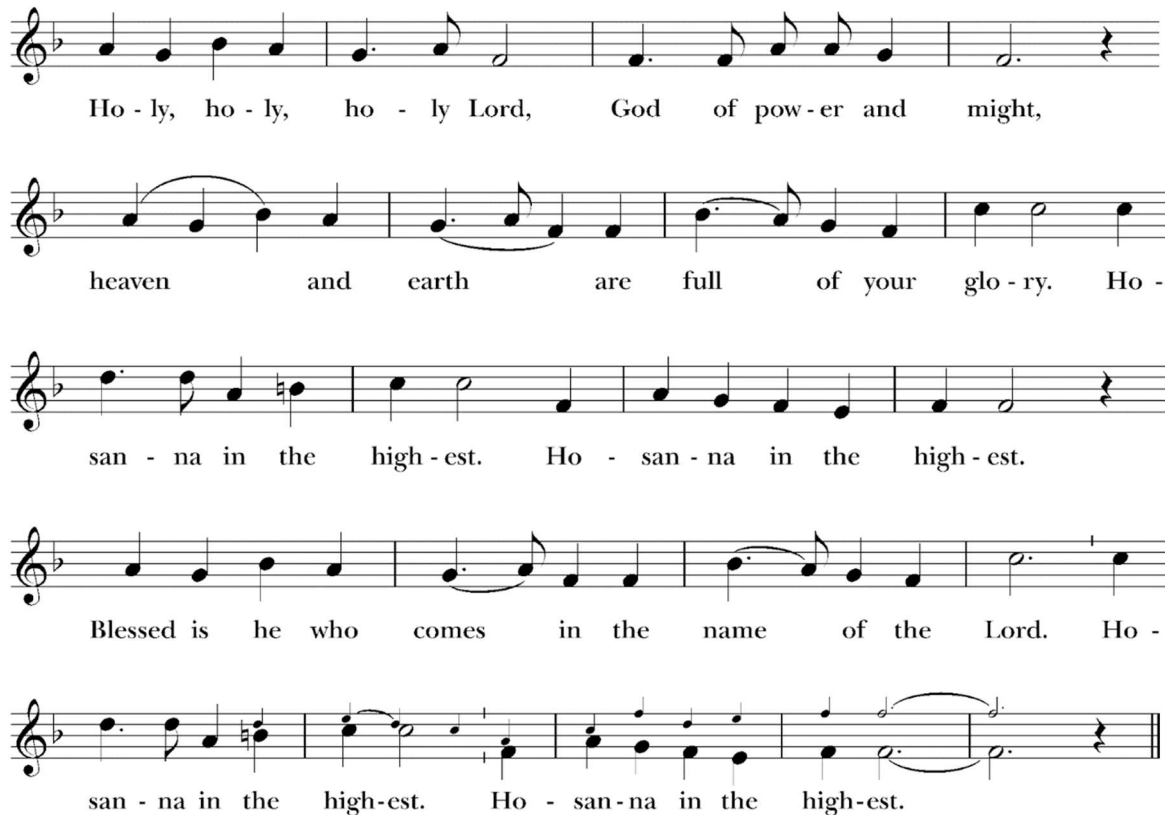
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, almighty God, that on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper Christ took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Celebrant and People

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for

the service of your kingdom. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)

People and Celebrant



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

We will be sharing communion in both kinds available by either intinction (dipping the host in wine) or common cup. If you desire common cup, you can communicate this by holding out one hand for bread only, two hands for bread and wine. If you prefer intinction, you can communicate your preference by holding your hands in a prayer position or simply by telling the Eucharistic minister.

COMMUNION HYMN- *Where he leads me- LEVAS 144 (red and black hymnal)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people:

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy and loves you like a Mother. Walk the good road, do not return evil for evil and always show hospitality to the strangers in your midst. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. AMEN.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN : *Christ for the world we sing!- Blue Hymnal 537*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE - *Page d'album* - C. Debussy

PARISH NOTES

Parents interested in being a part of our redeveloping Children ministries are invited to conversation with Carol Nabeel by emailing her at trustnhope2016@gmail.com or connecting with her at Coffee Hour or before Church. We are working toward having Children's Formation starting this Fall and would enjoy your input and help. In the meantime, please bring your kids to church and take advantage of the resources in the narthex (lobby) that will help your children participate in worship.

At 10:00 AM: Join us via Zoom June 25, 2023 You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) 1-929-205-6099 and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Wednesday Night Supper - 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a "humpday" dinner with your church family. Dinners are on a donation basis- \$5.00 or "pay what you can." All are welcome, regardless of ability to donate. If you are coming, please RSVP to info@stjohnscollegepark.org

The Acts of the Apostles

Wednesdays from 7:8:00

We will be reading the entire book of Acts. Links to the reading and study guide below. Join us online, in person in the Hospitality Suite, or just read along with us on your own. Come to supper beforehand (\$5.00 donation, in Bott Hall) See you there.

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Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM- One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

Compline Night Prayer Thursday - 7:00 pm

Join us on zoom. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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Sunday June 25, 2023

Readers: Michael Proscia and Charlres Mizell

Prayers of the People: Susan Schubert

Vergers: Val Valverde

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Tim Black

Organist: Toku Kawata

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Archie Polk, Evangelism

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