

*The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 a.m.*

*November 15, 2020*



*Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church*

*Bella Vista, Arkansas*

*The Right Reverend Larry R. Benfield,*

*Bishop of Arkansas*

# Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church

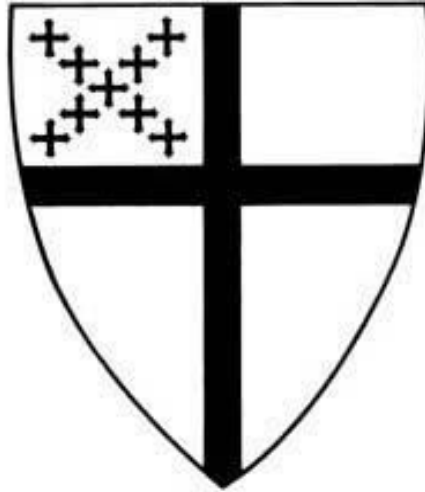
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All of the following service can be found in the

1979 Book of Common Prayer

Scripture lessons are taken from the

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year A and are from  
the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

**Organ Prelude** *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (2 settings)* Bach

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* **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.*

## **Glory to God**

*Said in unison*

**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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     **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**

# **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God**

*Celebrant* **GOD OF ALL POWER AND LOVE**, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons** *(Sit)*

### **FIRST READING:** 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

*Sung by cantor*

*Antiphon*

Our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he show us his mercy.

- 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.

*Antiphon*

Our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he show us his mercy.

## SECOND READING: 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.**

*Organ interlude before the Gospel reading*

## **The Holy Gospel** (*Stand*) Matthew 25:14-30

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ  
                         according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven will be as when 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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon (*Sit*)

Fr. Grisham

**The Nicene Creed** (*Stand*)

(BCP 358)

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

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* Gracious and generous God, you have given to your creation all things necessary for our abundant life: Hear us as we pray for people everywhere, that all may be protected from oppression and exploitation in order to live productive and meaningful lives, as we pray: To you we lift up our eyes; have mercy upon us, have mercy.

**Litanist:** Awaken your Church, O God, to encourage and build up one another as children of light and children of the day, serving as instruments of your compassion and justice.

To you we lift up our eyes;

**People:** have mercy upon us, have mercy.

**Litanist:** Infinite One, inspire our leaders, with wisdom and discipline, and rescue all people from the scorn of the indolent rich and the derision of the proud.

To you we lift up our eyes;

**People: have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

**Litanist:** Compassionate One, protect the vulnerable of the earth from economic abuse: Grant that all who work may receive a proper return for their labor and that every person may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your creation.

To you we lift up our eyes;

**People: have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

**Litanist:** Loving One, bless our community with wisdom, healing and honor, that we may be bearers of faith, hope and love.

To you we lift up our eyes;

**People: have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

**Litanist:** We commend to your mercy those for whom we pray, especially Don, Amanda, Becky, Karen Kay, Mary, Valerie, Mary, the Rector Search Committee and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them. *(Pause)*

We raise our eyes to you in thanksgiving, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Larry, our bishop; Lowell, our interim supply priest; and Chris, our Candidate for Holy Orders. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. Theodore's, Bella Vista; St. Matthew's, Benton; and the Standing Committee. And we give thanks for all those in our parish family celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

We entrust to your never failing care and love those who have died, especially all those who have succumbed to the Corona virus. *(Pause)*

To you we lift up our eyes;

**People: have mercy upon us, have mercy.**

***Celebrant:** Merciful God of light and promise, multiply your grace upon us and be generous to all the earth, that we may treasure your eternal work of reconciliation and resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.***

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

*Leader 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 Celebrant 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.**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

# Holy Eucharist Rite II

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*Organ music is played and the People remain standing as the Celebrant prepares the Table.*

*The Celebrant will bless and present the pledges received from the members and say:*

All things come of thee, O Lord

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

*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.

*People*      **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer *(Kneel)*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Communion is received by the Celebrant*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Beloved Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.  
Let me never be separated from you  
in this life or in the life to come. Amen.**

## **Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

(BCP 366)

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Keep awake and be sober, for you are God's children  
of light and children of the day.

Embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of  
everlasting life given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Encourage one another and build up each other in  
faith, hope and love, always strong in the Spirit.

And the blessing of our gracious God, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit, be with you and enliven you, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The Celebrant says the words of dismissal*

*People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Postlude

*Simple gifts*

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## Participants in the Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Lowell Grisham
<i>Organist</i>	Annette Zehring
<i>Acolyte</i>	
<i>Cantor</i>	Lana McDonald

