

# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

9:15 am



## *An Order for Holy Eucharist* **Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

*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.*

~1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

**Welcome!** This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children are invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

Within the rubrics of "An Order for Eucharist" in our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the form for worship for this service has been adapted from the "Eucharist for Creation and Redemption," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473.

This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

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## The Ministry of Word and Prayer

### The People Gather

The people may be greeted informally. Children are invited to take a Prayer Card and packet of markers (crayons or pencils) to their pews, to draw or write a prayer for sharing in the service.

All standing, the presiding priest or minister says

### Opening Acclamation

In the name of God:  
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

**Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,  
the love at our beginning and without end,  
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,  
giving new life.**

### Song of Praise

"This little light of mine"

LEVAS #221

1. This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine let it shine, let it shine.

2. Everywhere I go,  
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Jesus gave it to me,  
I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

## The Proclamation

From the Hebrew Scriptures

*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.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Song

"'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus"

*LEVAS #108*

1. **'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take him at his word.  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know thus saith the Lord.**

2. **O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust his cleansing blood.  
Just in simple faith to plunge me,  
"Neath the healing, cleaning flood.**

*Refrain*

Refrain:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!**

3. **Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease.  
Just from Jesus simply taking,  
Like and rest and joy and peace,**

*Refrain*

Gospel Proclamation

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*Matthew 25:14-30*

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

*Children are invited forward for a children’s message. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.*

## We Respond to the Good News

### Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*We begin with a litany of prayer, after which children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared.*

Caring God, we thank you for all creation:

**For the heavens and the earth, which tell of your glory;**

For the people who came before us and those around us today;

**For your creatures everywhere.**

We pray for those who decide on the resources of the earth,

**That we may all use your gifts well;**

We thank you for giving us life and for all who bless us:

**For those who work on the land and sea, in city and country;**

For artists, scientists and visionaries,

**For Church leaders and all who seek to bring life to others.**

We pray for all who are deprived of fullness of life:

**For prisoners, refugees, and all who are sick, lonely, or afraid;**

Above all, we thank you for your redeeming love.

**May your word and sacrament strengthen us  
to love You and your creation as you love us.**

*Prayer Cards are brought forward for sharing.*

For your love and goodness  
**we give you thanks, O God.**

God of grace,  
**grant our prayers.**

As we put our trust in you,  
**may your hopes and desires be ours  
and we your expectant people. Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.  
Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

**We need your healing, merciful God.**

**Some sins are plain to us,  
some escape us,  
some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us, merciful God,  
and help us turn to you.**

**Set us free to hear your word to us.**

**Set us free to serve you.**

God forgives all who seek to live in the Spirit of mercy and love.

Forgive others.

Receive God's loving forgiveness for you,  
and be at peace.

**Amen.**

## Sharing in Christ's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow.*

## The Ministry of the Sacrament

*All are welcome to approach the altar, the Lord's Table. All who feel drawn to the way of Christ are welcome in this community to receive the blessed bread and wine. During the following song, the offerings of the people are presented: bread and wine for communion, contributions for the work of the church.*

Song of Offering

"Amazing grace"

*Hymnal 1982 #671*

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.**

2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed!**

3. Through many dangers toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The Presider begins, the People responding with words  
in bold*

The Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to heaven

**where Christ in glory reigns.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

... We thank you that you make us human  
and stay with us even when we turn from you to  
sin.

**God's love is shown to us:  
while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

... We entrust ourselves to you,  
for you alone do justice  
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,  
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,  
apostles and prophets,  
with all the redeemed,  
joyfully we praise you and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

... Here and now, with this bread and wine,  
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,

ever present and living in Jesus Christ,  
crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

**Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*The prayer continues*

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,  
feed us with your life,  
fire us with your love,  
confront us with your justice,  
and make us one in the body of Christ  
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

As Christ teaches us we now pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says*

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

*Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying*

Bread and wine; the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

Song during Communion: "Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" *Hymnal 1982 #178*

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Give praise to his name.**

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the Earth:  
He is the king of creation.**  
*Refrain*

2. **Spread the good news o'er all the Earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.**  
*Refrain*

3. **Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**  
*Refrain*

### Prayer After Communion

*The priest says*

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints,  
**we offer ourselves to your service.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to stand with you in your world.**  
**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,  
our friend and brother. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

### The Dismissal of the Community

*A blessing may be given. The congregation is sent out with these words.*

Grace be with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace.  
**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

### Sending Hymn

"He's got the whole world"

*LEVAS #217*

1. **He's got the whole world,  
In his hands. (x3)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

2. **He's got you and me sister,  
In his hands. (x3)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

3. **He's got you and me brother,  
In his hands. (x3)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

4. **He's got everybody here,  
In his hands. (x3)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

**All are invited...**

*to join the various programs and discussions as outlined in the announcements. Today, please join in the refreshments and activities for children and adults following this service.*

**Have you heard of our FAMILY OF THE WEEK (FOTW) rotation of Sunday worship leaders?**

*All families are asked to sign up for a week when they take on certain roles: like greeting, carrying the cross at the beginning and end of our worship service, and reading the first lesson. "Liturgy" means the "work of the people. Please sign up by Sign-Up Genius, located on our website and included in the weekly emailed announcements, to take your turn in helping to lead worship.*

*Questions? Kristine Golden is our FOTW Coordinator! She'd love to hear from you (krisy.golden@gmail.com).*



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**Assisting this morning:**

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