



Holy Baptism & Eucharist
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020 · 9:15 am

Order of Service

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All **One God and Father of all.**

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved



to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden



The Presentation & Examination of the Candidates

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The Baptismal families are invited to come forward at this time.

Hunter Slingsluff Bealle
Cecile Frances Fagan
Clark Olson Harris
Estella Lynn Judson McBeth

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents

I present *Hunter Slingsluff* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present *Cecile Frances* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present *Clark Olson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present *Estella Lynn Judson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks these questions of the Parents and Godparents, who speak on behalf of the candidates.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?



Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with these children who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant [*all stand*]

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Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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 to the dead.
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.**



Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

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Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**



Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Collect

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Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over Water

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



The Celebrant touches the water while saying these words.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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The congregation may be seated.

The candidate is presented, by name, to the priest, who pours water over them, saying these words:

Hunter Slingluff... Cecile Frances... Clark Olson... Estella Lynn Judson... I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hunter Slingluff... Cecile Frances... Clark Olson... Estella Lynn Judson... you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and presented to the Baptismal family.

Hunter Slingluff... Cecile Frances... Clark Olson... Estella Lynn Judson... receive the light of Christ, and shine forth as Christ's light in the world. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**



Greeting & Notices

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Let us with gladness present the alms and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Biddings

Today's Eucharist is offered to the glory of God and...

For those in our nation suffering under injustice;

For all infected with the coronavirus, all who care for them, and all who work for a cure;

For our partners in faith... **Greenwich Reform Synagogue, the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the Episcopal Church of Cuba**, and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, **the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan...** for all bishops, clergy and people....

For the baptisms of **Hunter Slingluff Bealle... Loring Charles Crawford... Cecile Frances Fagan... Cameron Lee Harris... Clark Olson Harris... Estella Lynn Judson McBeth...**

For those participating in the Bible Challenge...

For those who have been commended to us, especially **Robyn Hallock, Leigh French, Janet Gibson, Andrew, Bill Burgweger, Kay Ozanne, Buzz, Jaco and Nina Nieuwoudt, Maria, Chet Risio, Katherine, Susan Morris, Mae.**

For those who have died... and for **Andrew Marc Rinaldi... Doris and Len Rinaldi... Susan Sponheimer**, in whose memory the altar flowers are given today.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.



All **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.**

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; [*the Celebrant says the preface*]. 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 and Benedictus

**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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant 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."

Celebrant 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.**

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

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.**

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Celebrant alone receives the Sacrament.

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *[St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787]*

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.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Following the dismissal, the ministers depart.

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Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Abby VanderBrug
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden
<i>Lector</i>	Rob Morris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Rebecca Fretty
<i>Usher</i>	Dan Losito

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:
Andrew Marc Rinaldi and his grandparents, Doris and Len Rinaldi, by their family;
Susan Sponheimer, by Brian and Carrie Sponheimer.*