



Holy Eucharist
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020 · 10:00 am

Order of Service

Prelude

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 669)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn

Vineyard Haven

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne.

Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Then let our song abound
and let our tears be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

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 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.**

Kyrie eleison

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Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.



Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Lesson

Wisdom 6:12–16

Reader A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

St. Cecilia

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

Thy kingdom come, O God!
Thy rule, O Christ, begin!
Break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin!

Where is thy reign of peace,



and purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie

Nicene Creed

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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: Form V

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- Intercessor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura, our own bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president; Ned, our governor; and Fred, our first selectman; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.
- All* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.



All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have been commended to our prayers:
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 Neighbor to Neighbor, which faithfully serves our community, and for all people who suffer from hunger and poverty;

For our partners in faith... **North Greenwich Congregational Church, the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the Episcopal Church of Cuba,** and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, **the Church in the Province of the West Indies...** for all bishops, clergy and people;

For those participating in the Bible Challenge,

For those who have been commended to us, especially **Douglas Robinson, David Michonski, Carmine, Declan, Harry and Betty Twitchell, Peter and Sudie Blanchard, John Robinson, Susan Krewatch, Leigh French, Andrew, Kay Ozanne, Katherine, Mae...**

For those who have died... **Charles Carroll Norfleet, Sr.,** we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

All **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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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.

All **And also with you.**

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

Offertory Anthem *[sung by the choir]*

Thou that hast given so much to me
Give one thing more
A grateful heart.
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessing had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1632)
Music: Mary Plumstead (1905-1980)



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

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[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

**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, while the choir sings the Agnus Dei.

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.**

Hymn

Moscow

[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Following the dismissal, the ministers depart.



Voluntary

Tocatta in D minor (BWV 538)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marek Zabriskie
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Abby VanderBrug
	The Rev. Terry Elsberry
<i>Choir</i>	St. Cecilia Choir of Girls
<i>Director of Music</i>	Jamie Hitel
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<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sheila May
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