

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 20, 2024



WORDS OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (H 410)

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing

4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise — with us the God of grace.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE MHSO 9 Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! (Berthier) (Verses sung by the choir.)

Refrain

1
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

2

3
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

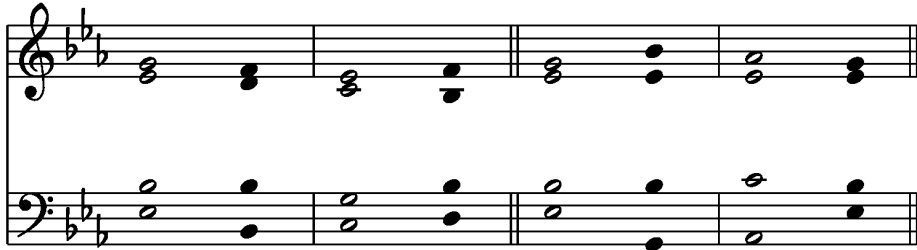
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CHANT S 411 Simplified chant setting (s 411)

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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PSALM 126

¹ When God restored the fortunes of **Zion**, *
then were we like those who **dream**.
² Then was our mouth filled with **laughter**, *
and our tongue with shouts of **joy**.
³ Then they said among the **nations**, *
“God has done great things for **them**.”
⁴ God has done great things for **us**, *
and we are glad **indeed**.
⁵ Restore our fortunes, O **God**, *
like the watercourses of the **Negev**.
⁶ Those who sowed with **tears** *
will reap with songs of **joy**.
⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the **seed**, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their **sheaves**.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office;
²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to
save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners,
and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day,
first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the
law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than
the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *EOM2 120 Alleluia Gospel Acclamation (Mxadana) (EOM2 120)*

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

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GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

⁴⁶[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

**You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

ANTHEM O Taste and See (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

OFFERTORY HYMN *O, Christ the healer* (WLP 772)



1. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
3. How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
4. In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
5. Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your com -

health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
know - ledge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

be re - stored, when reached by love that nev - er ends?
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists our selves.
clares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

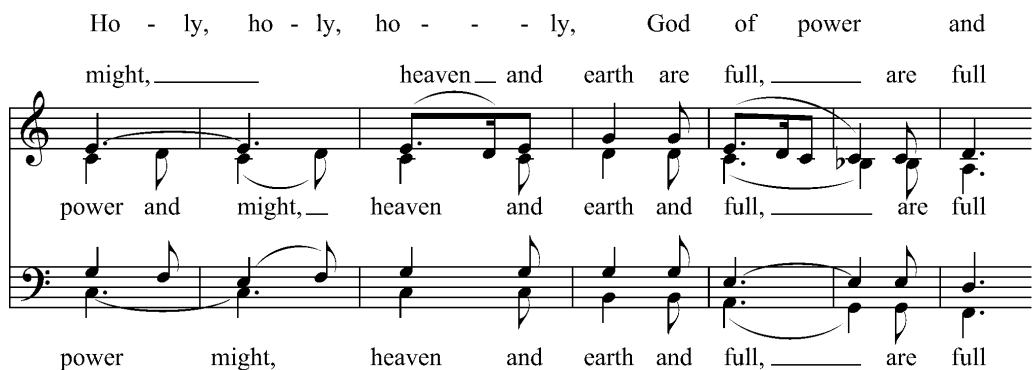
SANCTUS *MHSO 38 Holy, holy, holy (Bell) (MHSO 38)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and

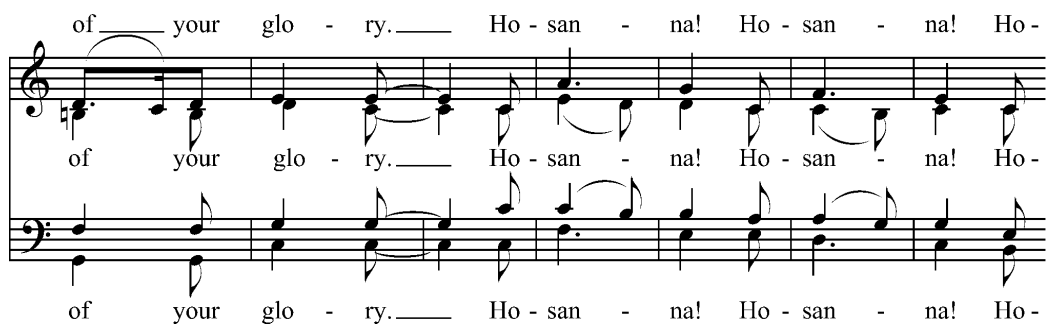
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full, are full



power and might, heaven and earth and full, are full

power might, heaven and earth and full, are full

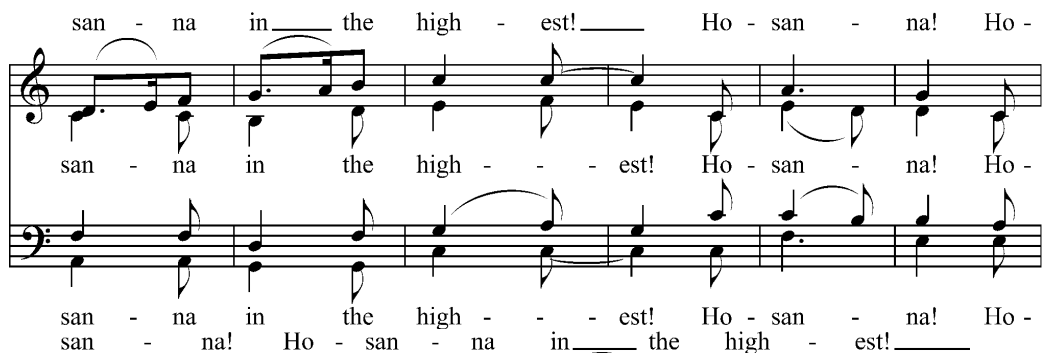
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -



of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -



san - na in the high - - - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high - - - est! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!



san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

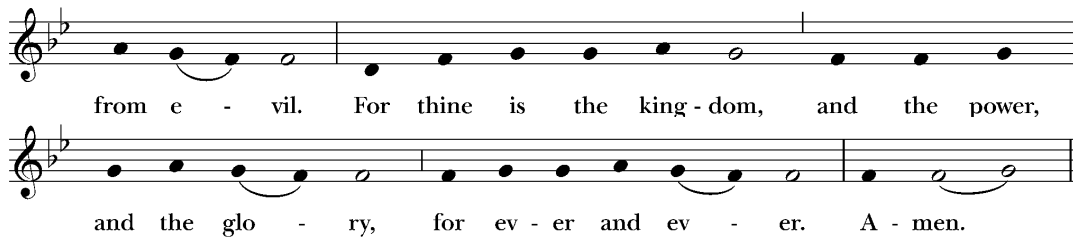
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*

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



The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those remaining at home, a Spiritual Communion is offered. This is a personal devotion that anyone can pray (at any time) to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from receiving the elements.

For those worshipping with us from home, we pray together with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your grace and be renewed for your service. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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 for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Gracious Spirit, give your servants* (WLP 782)



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you



glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the



show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.



DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

2024 Blessing of the Estimated Giving Cards

**O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given:
help us to understand that all we have
comes from the outpouring of your generosity.
Lead us, we pray, to give as we have received—
abundantly, generously, and joyfully—
that our common ministry may continue to bear witness to your unfailing grace.**

Accept and bless these pledges offered for the mission and ministry of St. John's. Bless those who have offered them to you in thanksgiving for all the ways in which you bless us and our community of faith. Give us courage, insight and grace to use these gifts to nourish your people and to proclaim the reconciling work of God in Christ.

Amen.

Serving today:

Ministers of Music: Eric Vinciguerra, Choir, Ethan Kindle, Organist

Lector: Barbara Sheperdigian **Prayers:** Mary Stewart Kiesgen

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Alice Ciccu

Greeters: DJ Proctor & Christi Brooks **Acolyte:** Peyton Eichinger

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Altar flowers are given by Christi Brookes
in honor of her sister, Lisa Brookes-Haws.

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Please consider signing up for helping out during our week of hosting the shelter (Nov 10-17). We need people in the evenings (7-10pm) to hang out with our guests (puzzles, playing cards, helping out in general); and in the mornings (7-9am) to help Alice with breakfast and clean-up. Here is the sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BA8A92FA1F58-icrh15#/>

Please talk with Ulana if you can help with supplying either dinners or breakfasts. At all times, there is a shelter staff person present and we have someone on hand who coordinates for St. John's. Thank you!

We pray this week...

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Ethan, our organist; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For D.R.E.A.M. Partnership in the Dominican Republic

For Grace Church, Traverse City – James Perra, Rector

For St. Barnabas, Portage – Mike Wood, Priest-in-Charge

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Aaron & Anne

For the members of St. John's especially: Daniel, Jasmine, Peyton, Isla, David, Jen, Rex, Emma, David, Nancy & Matthew

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Gabriel, Nancy, Glenn, Sue, Dave & Mary Ellen

For all who have died.