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The Word of God

Prelude *Variations sur Sine Nomine* *Var 1, 2 & 3 -- D. Bedard*

Opening Hymn #372 *Praise to the living God!*

Priest Blessed Be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

The Gloria

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***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.***

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The First Reading

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your

people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #482 *Lord of all hopefulness*
Vs. 1 & 3 before, Vs 4 after

The Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

The Homily

The Reverend Sharon Voelker

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Sean Rowe our new Presiding Bishop, for Bonnie our Bishop, Bishop Mota, ELCA Bishop Donald Kreiss, for Sharon our priest, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, including St. Andrew's in Waterford and St. Margaret's in Santo Domingo, DR.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer list: **Dennis; James Bender; Katie Blouin; Cindy Bouchard; Adam Bridgewater; Amy C.; Jack Coatta; Terry Coatta; Jerry Elliot; Angela Ferris; Midge Ferris; Allen Fields; Wesley Harnack; Samantha Haremza, David Kelly; Gary M.; Jerry M.; Anderson Moreno; Trisha Neuenschwander; Sydney Owen; Tom P.; Patrick; Riendl Family; Rosalie; Carolyn and Michael Roy; Benjamin Runyan; Sophia Russell; Christine Saiter; Del Saiter; Cameron Sipperley; Debra Uhl; Tom and Joyce Yarnevich; Brandon; Edward; Lucas; Leslie and Jim Richardson; Char Wall; Matthew; Lyla Joy; Laura; Patty; Father Bob Wollard; Ryan; Sharon Yates; Amanda K.; Ricky, Payton K., Pema** and for those we remember aloud or spoken silently in our hearts (pause),

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

All Saints

Gheorghe Oprican

Rob Coffey

Jerry Wall

Kent Barnes

Phil Koan

Mary Likens

Don Likens

Al White

George Rogers

Frank Coatta

Fern Coatta

Mary Delgato Brown

Alexandria George

Alan Argyle

Terry Sizemore

Margaret Chaney

Bud Chaney

Les Ferris

Dorothy Ferris

Irvin Jaskoski

Rose Jaskoski

Tom Jackson

Ceceila Jackson

Bob VanFleet

Grace VanFleet

Bob Casey

Vivian Casey

Vern & Maria

Marge & Jack

All the family of Gail

Fleming

Richard Vestuto

Connie Apgian

Abraham Apgian

Russ Kent

Eric Wall

Tena

Haliegh

Ray Voelker

George (Skip)

Coombes

Logan Honsinger

Marge Sansone

William Enfield

Victoria Enfield

The Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory, Chancel Choir *Grace Us, O Lord* -- J. Martin

The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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.***

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

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, S-125
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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

***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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

This Little Light

-- C. Taylor

All baptized persons are invited to receive communion at God's table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, you may indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest at the altar. Communion can be brought to those in the pews with mobility issues. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

For those who are participating through YouTube, the following prayer of "spiritual communion" may be said when actual reception of Holy Communion is not possible. It is meant to be said silently or aloud by each individual at the time when communion would normally occur.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me in this life and in the life to come. Amen (from Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from *Prayer of St. Alphonsus Ligouri*)

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn #691 *My faith looks up to thee*

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude *Variations sur Sine Nomine* *Var 4 & 5 -- D. Bedard*

Events This Week

SUN-3 rd	MON-4 th	TUES-5 th	WED-6 th	THUR-7 th	FRI-8 th	SAT-9 th
	Mahjong - 1:00 pm 8:00 pm - AA & Al- anon	9:30-3:30 pm -Office Hours Endowment Mtg – 7:00 pm	7:00 pm - Choir	9:30-1:30 pm -Office Hours Chair Yoga - 3:30 pm		

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Happy Anniversary

Ken & Pat Sasse

Happy Birthday

Gaynor Whitehouse, Audrey Smith, Bob VanFleet Jr, Pam Morrison, Wren Przytulski,
Richard Whitehouse, Carey Ellen Ferris, John Ferris Sr.

SUNDAY ASSISTANCE – 10 AM

Sunday, November 3rd – Ushers: Dianne Hammond, Carole Wollard
Readers: Lois Vestuto, Greg Walter, Gail Fleming
Coffee Hour: Daughters of the King

Sunday, November 10th – Ushers: Doug White, Scott Slocum
Readers: Beth White, John Ferris Jr, Pat Kent
Coffee Hour: *help needed*

Sunday, November 17th – Ushers: John Ferris Jr., Donna Andrzejewski
Readers: Bill Richardson, Francine Klein, Carole Wollard
Coffee Hour: Emily and Sheila

Sunday, November 24th – Ushers: Francine Klein, Justice Moor
Readers: John Ferris Jr, Lois Vestuto, Greg Walter
Coffee Hour: *help needed*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing services are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday during Communion at the 10:00 am service.

Treesgiving Foundation is a volunteer run organization that provides tabletop Christmas trees to local seniors, homebound, and families in need. They believe that nobody should go without a Christmas tree for the holidays. They would appreciate new or gently used tree trimming décor (no lights) or monetary donations. There is a basket in the Narthex that you may place tree décor, they will be taking donations until the end of December. Also, if you are aware of anyone who is homebound or could benefit from a tree, please contact Lois Vestuto or Emily Hack as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

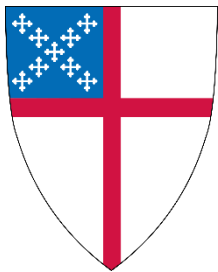
We now have a Mahjong group that meets in the Richardson Room on Mondays from 1:00 pm to about 3:00 pm. No experience required (men can play too!), please join us for fellowship and fun.

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please be thinking of what this community means to you and how you can help in its success.

The Vestry is searching for new members. Three people are going off the vestry this year. If you are interested in being on the Vestry, please let one of the Vestry members know.

There will be an Endowment meeting on November 5th at 7:00 pm.

It's that time again...Companion submissions are due no later than November 10th. Please email those to Emily in the office or to Greg Walter (itsgregwalter@gmail.com)



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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am

Choral

YouTube service and Sunday School are available

Details can be found on our website or join our email list for information direct to your inbox!

The Rev. Sharon Voelker

Interim Priest in Charge

Music Director/Organist: Sherri Brown
Elizabeth Heilig, Chancel Choir Accompanist

Vestry:

Jack Chaney, Senior Warden
Greg Walter, Junior Warden

Gail Fleming, Emily Hack, Dani Hamm, Pat Kent,
Scott Slocum, Audrey Smith, Carole Wollard

Joelle Chaney, Clerk
Judy Rowcliffe, Treasurer