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Proper 22
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, October 2, 2022
10:30 AM

Please know that this service is being live-streamed through Facebook Live, and those attending in person may be visible during the service.

PRELUDE

Instrumental

ENTRANCE HYMN *Each little flower that opens*

H 405

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

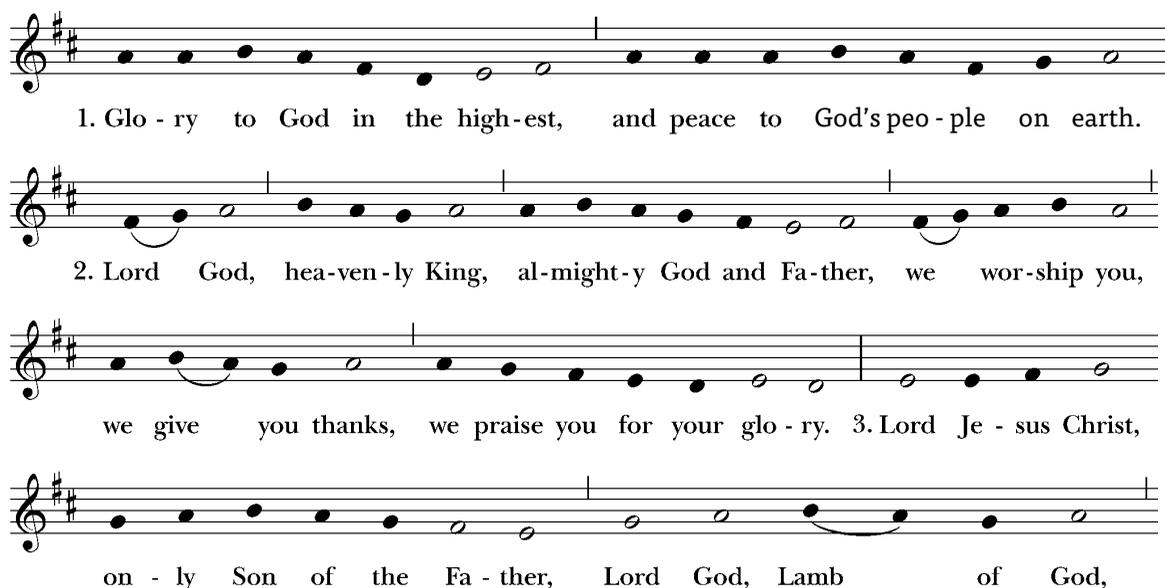
The Celebrant may say

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.*

GLORIA

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The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Lamentations 1: 1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Lamentations.

¹How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

²She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

⁵Her foes have become the masters,

her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 137

Remain seated.

¹ By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.

² As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.

³ For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

⁴ How shall we sing God’s holy song *
upon a foreign soil?

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.

⁶ Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

⁷ Remember the day of Jerusalem, O God,
against the people of Edom, *
who said, “Down with it! Down with it!
even to the ground!”

⁸ O Offspring of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!

⁹ Happy shall be the one who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the
promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my
ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and
day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Take my life, and let it be*

H 707

All stand.

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Jesus said to his disciples, “Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So

you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Seminarian Kaitlyn Reece

THE CREED

All stand.

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

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Scott our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray, especially for: John & Recia, Jim, Hayden, Amy, JoEy, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob & Ellen, Eric, Leslie, Natalie, Irene, Carolyn, Christie, Barbara, Jean, Patty, Marge, Christian, Kai, Joe, Melody, and Massouda & her family. Are there others who need our prayers?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God in Heaven;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Gaye Homer, Bill Bridges, Matt Johnson, Peg Pearson, Kelly Crichton, Jean Lahti

Anniversaries: Angie & Hondo Gallegos, Stephanie & David Fritson

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TIME PRAYER

Almighty God, you are the Creator of all things and you watch over us in every moment. You know the turning of the seasons, the journey of each life, and the wisdom passed from one generation to another. You know the days and hours of your beloved people as we make our tiny paths amidst the planets in their courses and movements of eons. You see our every moment, and you are always present.

May you bless our Time, O God, that we may be faithful stewards of the gift that it is. May we recognize in our days and years a feast of moments you have given us freely. May we with grateful hearts commit those days to you, and to one another in love, for celebration and service, for joy and care, and may the way that we spend our Time be a sign to your people of our gratitude for your gift, and our faith in living our days as your Son has shown us by his example and teachings, and as we are inspired by the presence of your Holy Spirit. *Amen*

PET BLESSING

Most high, almighty God, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

O God, you are infinite, unbounded Love, and will not allow the love which exists between your creatures to perish: We pray for those animals who have died. Comfort all those who mourn, especially those who have lost a beloved pet. *Amen.*

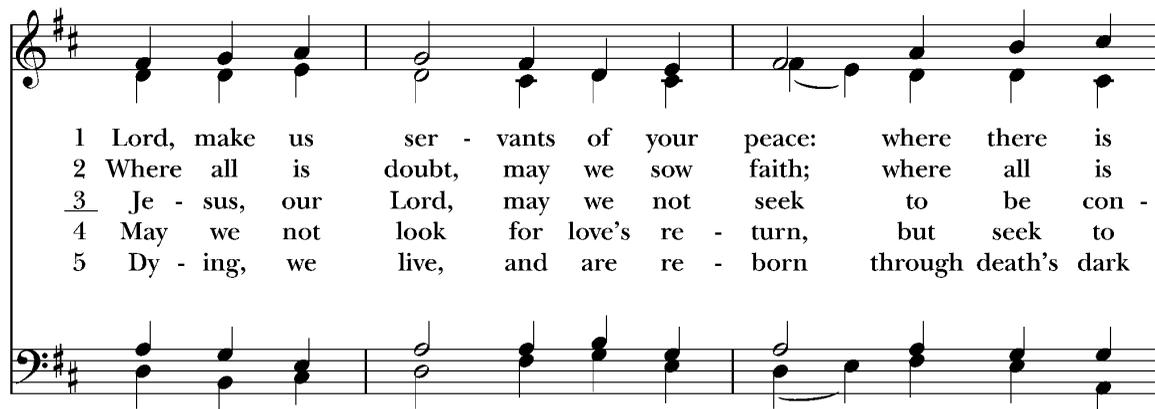
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

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

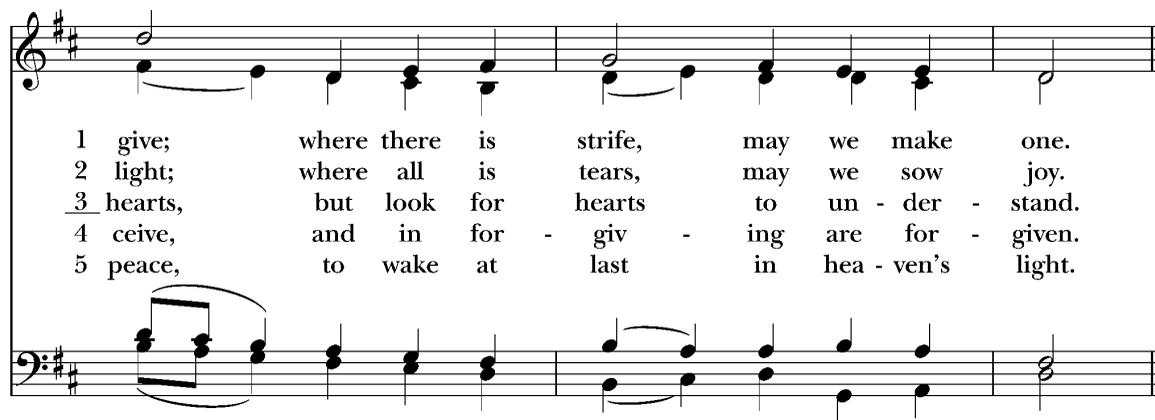
OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, make us servants of your peace* H 593



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

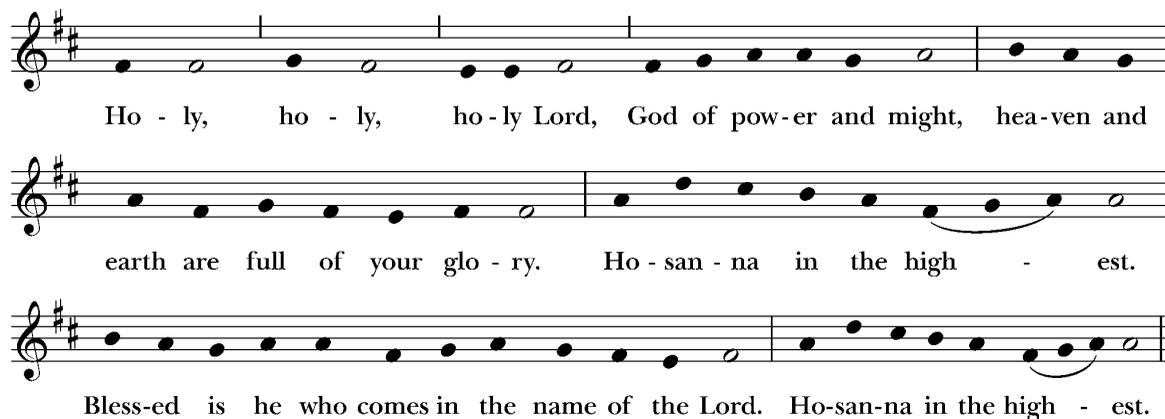
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

S 127

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
[*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

H 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, whose love through humble service*

H 610

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October First Sunday Collection

October's special collection benefits **Magdalene House & Friends of Tamar** which provides sober housing, healing, and workforce development for survivors of sex trafficking, prostitution, addiction.

Please make your contributions add Magdalene House to the memo line of your check.

Stewardship at St Augustine's

October Sundays!

Each year, our parish celebrates Stewardship over the first four Sundays in October. Stewardship is the Christian practice of offering from our blessings to support our church home and its ministries, and our tradition is to reflect on Time, Talent, and Treasure that we can make a pledge of for the coming year. We'll be sending a letter out the week of September 26th to talk a bit more about it, with pledge cards enclosed, and the letter and cards will also be available to pick up at church. This year, our Stewardship drive will include prayers led by our parish Finance Committee at each service:

October 2nd Time Sunday

October 9th Talent Sunday

October 16th Treasure Sunday (with parish meetings after BOTH services!)

October 23rd Ingathering of Pledges and Celebration Sunday

We'll have a parish Finance Meeting at 9:30 on Sunday, 10/16 to review our financial position, needs, and goals for 2023, and everyone is encouraged to attend between our services. Our Celebration Sunday on 10/23 will include special coffee hour treats provided by our Finance Committee.

Blessing of the Animals!

TODAY, we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals! This tradition is often set near the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, who had a special focus on the poor, work for peace, and care for nature, including animals. After the 10:30 service, **Nebraska Wildlife Animal Encounter** will be introducing us to some of our animal neighbors **at 11:30!** This is a chance for us to celebrate a bit more of “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” as the song goes! This presentation is great for kids in particular, and it’s a fun thing to invite friends to come see at our church! We’ve had birds, reptiles, furry friends, and even some decent sized mammals jump out to surprise us!

Holiday Greenery Sale

We are once again taking orders for holiday greenery! Order forms are available on the table in the narthex or in our weekly email newsletter. Please complete the form and return to the office ***no later than Sunday, November 6!*** Payment can be made when you drop off your order form or at the time of pick up. This year, all proceeds will benefit Dean Fricke Episcopal Community Outreach. Greenery should arrive around November 20.

COPE Pop-up Drive

Our Outreach partner, Christian Outreach Program of Omaha (COPE) has an immediate need for **BREAKFAST ITEMS** including:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal packets
- Pancake mix (water only) & Syrup
- Granola bars
- Pop-Tarts

The Feast of All Chilis!

Cook and compete, or just come eat at the up-coming Chili Cook Off! We need contestants! Let Kate(ministries@sainta.net) know if you individually, as a family, or as a team, would like to sign up for the event which will be held on **Saturday, October 8th at 5:30 PM**. Themes and costumes are an added bit of FUN, but not required!

Don't want to sign up but want to enjoy in fellowship? We need you too! Bring a friend or your family and a dessert or bread if you're able to taste and vote for your favorite chili! Cinnamon Rolls and Drinks will be provided by the Chili Cookoff Team! If you would like to help the team set up, make cinnamon rolls, and clean up, please contact Kate.

Confirmation and Newcomers Next Session is October 9! Fall, 2022, Specific Sundays at 9:30

This Fall, we'll have a class for **youth (8th Grade & Up)** and **adults**, meeting at 9:30, between our two services several times a month (see schedule below). For high schoolers, this is a chance to make a first young adult claim on their faith tradition, and ask Fr Ben and others real questions about what it means to grow up as a Christian as they get ready to go forth in the world in the next few years. For adult newcomers, this class is a chance to learn about traditions and practices, how to live faithfully as a member of St Augustine's, and bring your questions as well!

Everyone who participates (youth and adults) will have a chance to be Confirmed (a sacramental blessing like baptism) or Received (a formal reception into the Episcopal Church for those already Confirmed) by Bishop Barker on his visit on **February 12th, 2023**.

Sunday Confirmation Class Dates:

October 9th, October 23rd, November 6th, November 20th, December 4th,
January 8th, January 22nd, February 5th

Interested? Please let Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net) and Kate Kielion (ministries@sainta.net) know!

Rector's Book Club – *On God's Side* by Jim Wallis

Sunday, October 16th, 5:30-6:30 pm

For October, the Rector's Book Club selection is *On God's Side* by Jim Wallis. This book is nearing its 10th anniversary, and Jim Wallis – who worked for years in Washington DC to bring people of faith from all political “sides” together around issues that people of faith could work together for – wrote it to explore how we can find “the common good” in the face of anxiety or division in our country. The introduction describes the book as being about three things: “First, Christian conversion involves more than the destiny of the soul; it involves the way we live in the world. Second, faith transcends politics, [...]. Third, faith should be lived out in our public life for the common good,” (Wallis, 4-5). This beginning, meant to challenge us about how our life following Jesus changes how we live here, opens up questions that are broad, challenging, insightful, and provocative. Please feel free to join us!

Reception (and Planning!) for Deacon Dave Holmquist

October 20th, 5:30-7:00 pm

This coming October, Deacon Dave will complete ten years of ordained ministry as a deacon! Although he will continue to be present at St Augustine's and able to serve now and then, he will be retiring from regular ministry on the occasion of this anniversary, and we're throwing a reception to celebrate this season of ministry, both as a deacon here and through the work he has done through his career. Barb Hall

(barbhall_18301@yahoo.com) will be our lead organizer for the reception,

which will feature hors d'ouvres and desserts, so if you would like to help with planning or by offering a favorite dish, please get in touch with her or Fr Ben (rector@sainta.net). Stay tuned for more details as we near this event, and please take the time to congratulate Dn Dave over these coming weeks!

Elaine Randall Book Club – October

The Elaine Randall Book Club selection for **October** is: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles (the author of New York Times Bestseller *A Gentleman in Moscow*).

This stylish and propulsive novel spans ten days in 1950s America. It all begins when 18-year-old returns home to the family farm in Nebraska after serving a 15-month sentence with plans to head West to California with his little brother. These plans are derailed by two friends from the work farm who intend to head East to New York. What ensues is told from multiple points of view and an array of richly imagined characters, settings, and themes.

Book bags are available in the parish hall. You are welcome to join us for our discussion on **Tuesday, October 25**, at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Zoom connection is also available. For questions, please contact Sandra Squires at skquires@cox.net.

BOO Bash!

Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 PM. Try on your costumes, bring your family, and friends if you'd like, and join us as youth group hosts another great night full of fun and fright(age appropriate of course)! There will be a taco bar and s'mores by the fire. They are already anxiously planning the "scary story room" for anyone brave enough to enter! We will have games, face paint, crafts, karaoke, and tons of fellowship! We can't wait to see you there!

Ladies High Tea

November 5th at 11 AM. The Parish Life Committee would like to invite you to a high tea luncheon. They are excited to gather the women of the parish together to get to know each other better and to enjoy some tasty finger foods. Parish Life is always looking for people who enjoy hosting. If this event sounds like something you would like to help with by making sandwiches, quiches or desserts, or setting up and cleaning up on that day, please contact Kathy (kpospichal@gmail.com)

Murder Mystery Party

Join us on November 13 at 5:00 PM for dinner and a Murder Mystery. You will eat, watch the mystery unfold, if your detective skills are on point, you may even solve it! We are looking for actors!! Please let Julie (virtualofficejulie@gmail.com) know if having a role in our mystery play is something you would enjoy!

Reserve your space for Culture Club's December Outing

Join us for *Sister's Christmas Catechism* at the Omaha Community Playhouse. You may have heard of *Late Night Catechism*, a popular one-woman show; this show is written by the same author. Sister retells the story of the nativity, as only she can. This holiday production is unlike anything you have ever seen. Join us for laughter and a fun night out.

We have reservation for **Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.** If we can get a group of 12, we get tickets for only \$30 per person.

Please have checks, made out to Omaha Community Playhouse, and give them to Sandra Squires as early as possible. The absolute deadline is **November 13** to secure our front row seats in the small theatre. Checks can be mailed to Sandra Squires, 681 S. 85th Street, Omaha, NE. 68114. If you need to reach Sandra, contact her at sksquires@cox.net.

Women's Discernment Group

A number of the women in our parish have been reflecting on transitions in life, job, or spiritual life, and we'll be convening a group, (beginning in **October**) to hold each other in prayer, conversation, support, and encouragement through the coming year. The group will set its own schedule, but the initial plan is to meet for 60 or 90 minutes about bi-weekly, during a time that makes it accessible to people with working schedules. Each participant is encouraged to bring a "question" that she's reflecting on – "should I change my job?" or "what does it mean to become Episcopalian?" or "What is God inviting me to do now in my life?" Discernment is the Christian practice of reflecting on a question and listening for God's invitation and hope for your life and flourishing, and the group will be taking up different practices over the year to listen to one another, share how the journey is going, and celebrate growth. Fr Ben will be helping the group get started, and Kaity Reece, our seminarian, will be leading the sessions through the year. If you would like more information, or are wondering if this group might be a good fit for something in your own life right now, please contact Kaity at kaitlinreece@gmail.com, or Fr Ben at rector@sainta.net.

Memorial Tree Identification

There are two columnar Oak trees planted in the church's Hatcheck Memorial Garden/Prayer Walk in the south part of the garden close to the east property line. I believe these two Oaks were planted in memorial of two individuals. I have no record of who they were planted for and I would like to find out so a proper plaque can be installed by these two trees. I do appreciate your help identification of these memorial Oak trees. Please contact Jim Keepers at 402-618-0715 or email at jlkeepers45@gmail.com. Thanks for your help!

Memorial Tree Planting

This past Sunday the 25th of September a memorial Relict Oak tree was planted in St. Augustine” Hitchcock Memorial Garden/Prayer Walk & Quiet Garden. The tree was planted in the memory of Bob Reade a lifelong church member. Carolyn Reade and two of her sons with their families were present at the event along with church perishers from the Sunday’s 8:30 service. Bob’s standard Sunday morning service. Father Ben presented a memorial certificate to Bob’s two son and his wife Carolyn and blessed the Oak tree. Carolyn and her sons along with family members and church members took turns placing dirt around the ball of the Oak tree. The Relict Oak is a cross between a Post, Gamble and Bur Oak and can be found in Bur Oak Canyon west of McCook, NE. The trees in this canyon have existed for thousands of years. A plaque will be installed to mark the planting of this tree in memory of Bob. So if you get a chance stop by and take a look at this unique Oak tree planted in the south/east corner of the church’s garden.

Vestry Notes – September

The Vestry (the parish Board) met on September 18th. This meeting received reports from Committees and looked over the remainder of the year's calendar in some detail, including October's Stewardship season, our Annual Council delegation for the broader Diocese of Nebraska, and our nominations process for parish offices, which will ramp up in November to anticipate our parish Annual Meeting in January. The next Vestry meeting will be on October 16th; these meetings are open to all members of St A's. If you have a concern for the Vestry, it's helpful to let Fr Ben know at rector@sainta.net, so he can connect you with the correct person or make sure there is time allotted to it on the Vestry agenda.

Save The Date

Saturday, October 8	Feast of All Chilis!
Sunday, October 9	Confirmation Class
Sunday, October 16	Rector's Book Club
Thursday, October 20	Reception for Deacon Dave
Sunday, October 23	Confirmation Class
Tuesday, October 25	Elaine Randall Book Club
Wednesday, October 26	Boo Bash!
Thursday, October 27 – Saturday, October 29	Annual Council Meeting in Kearney
Saturday, November 5	Ladies High Tea
Sunday, November 13	Murder Mystery Party
Thursday, December 15	Culture Club December Outing to <i>Sister's Christmas Catechism</i> at Omaha Community Playhouse

Ministers of the Day	This Week 10/02/2022	Next Week, 10/09/2022
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band, Sally Hodges	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30am:	Claire Eason, Canterbury Choir	Sally Hodges
Celebrant:	Rev. Ben Varnum	Rev. Ben Varnum
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Rhian	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cole Fogarty Toby Brayman Luciana Kielion	Teo Gallegos Luke Fassero Joseph Kielion
10:30 am Greeter:	Mary Amador & Leslie Lewis	Mary Amador & Leslie Lewis
8:30 am Lector:	Erin Rhian	Erin Rhian
10:30 am Lector:	Jean Lahti	Carole Seitz
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Mary Jane Smith	Judy Tomanek
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Marissa Kreifels	Barb DiGiovanni
Sunday School	9:40 – 10:20 AM	9:40 – 10:20 AM
Coffee Hour	OPEN	OPEN