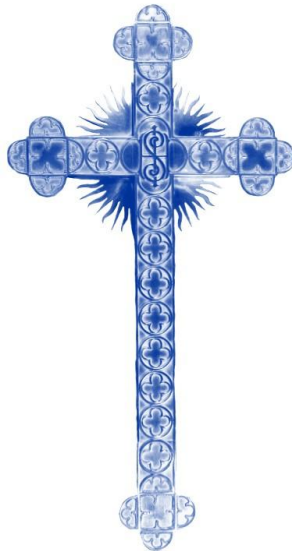


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

August 31, 2025 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280*

Glory to God

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Lesson

Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

The Psalm

Psalm 112

Beatus vir

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the **Lord** *
and have great delight in his **commandments**!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the **land**; *
the generation of the upright will be **blessed**.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their **house**, *
and their righteousness will last for **ever**.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the **upright**; *
the righteous are merciful and full of **compassion**.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in **lending** *
and to manage their affairs with **justice**.
- 6 For they will never be **shaken**; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting **remembrance**.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil **rumors**; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the **Lord**.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not **shrink**, *
until they see their desire upon their **enemies**.
- 9 They have given freely to the **poor**, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with **honor**.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine **away**; *
the desires of the wicked will **perish**.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hymn # 438 (vv.1-3) Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Hymn # 438 (v.4)	Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord!	<i>Woodlands</i>
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The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 656	Blest are the pure in heart	<i>Franconia</i>
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Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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