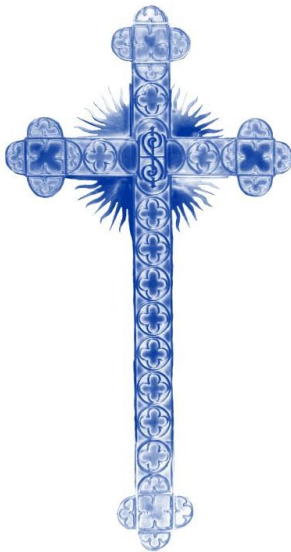


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 7, 2025 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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Glory to God

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Psalm

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **wicked**, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the **scornful**!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the **Lord**, *
and they meditate on his law day and **night**.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not **wither**; *
everything they do shall **prosper**.
- 4 It is not so with the **wicked**; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a-way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment **comes**, *
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous**.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the **righteous**, *
but the way of the wicked is **doomed**.

The Second Lesson

Phuilemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Hymn # 296 (vv.1-3) We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*

The Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Hymn # 296 (v.4) We know that Christ is raised and dies no more *Engelberg*

The Sermon *The Rev. Webster Gibson*

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Hymn # 472 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion *Donne secours*

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S-128* Holy, holy, holy Lord William Mathias

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

S-155* Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Gerald R. Near

The Invitation p. 364

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 chalice. The chalice 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 # 702 Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know *Tender Thought*

Post Communion Prayer p. 366

Hymn # 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

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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