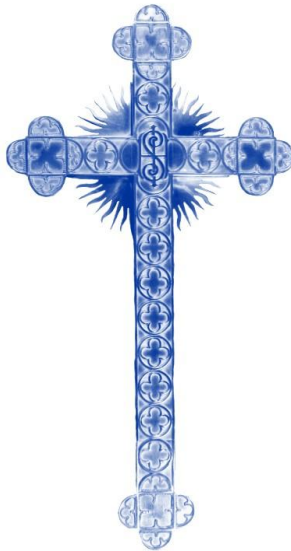


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

August 23, 2026 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-278*

Glory to God

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

S 411

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole **heart**; *
before the gods I will sing your **praise**.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your **Name**, *
because of your love and **faithfulness**;
- 3 For you have glorified your **Name** *
and your word above all **things**.
- 4 When I called, you **answered me**; *
you increased my strength within **me**.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O **Lord**, *
when they have heard the words of your **mouth**.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the **Lord**, *
that great is the glory of the **Lord**.

- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the **lowly**; *
 he perceives the haughty from **afar**.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me **safe**; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall **save me**.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for **me**; *
 O Lord, your love endures for ever;
 do not abandon the works of your **hands**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 630 (vv. 1-4)

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

Wylde Green

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not

prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn # 630 (v.5)	Thanks to God whose Word was spoken	<i>Wylde Green</i>
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Hymn # 522	Glorious things of thee are spoken	<i>Austria</i>
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		p. 361
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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 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 # 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

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

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