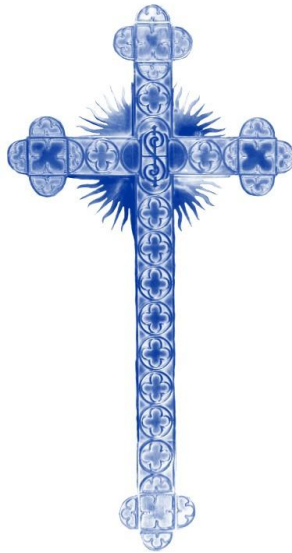


# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

August 10, 2025 ✕ 10:30 am





# The Word of God

Voluntary

**Hymn # 432**

O praise ye the Lord!

*Laudate Dominum*

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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Glory to God

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## The Psalm

**Psalm 33:12-22**

*Exultate, justi*

**S 409**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the **Lord!** \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his **own!**
- 13 The Lord looks down from **heaven,** \*  
and beholds all the people in the **world.**

- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his **gaze** \*  
on all who dwell on the **earth**.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of **them** \*  
and understands all their **works**.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty **army**; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great **strength**.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for **deliverance**; \*  
for all its strength it cannot **save**.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who **fear him**, \*  
on those who wait upon his **love**,
- 19 To pluck their lives from **death**, \*  
and to feed them in time of **famine**.
- 20 Our soul waits for the **Lord**; \*  
he is our help and our **shield**.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in **him**, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our **trust**.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be **upon us**, \*  
as we have put our trust in **you**.

## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Hymn # 68** (vv.1-2)

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

## **The Gospel**

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**Hymn # 68** (v.3)

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

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The Sermon

The Rev. David Bicking

The Nicene Creed

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## **The Holy Communion**

The Offertory

**Hymn # 510**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

*Saint Agnes*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

David Hurd

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 # 316**

This is the hour of banquet and of song

*Canticum refectionis*

Post Communion Prayer

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**Hymn # 636**

How firm a foundation

*Foundation*

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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***Prayers of the People*** – Caroline Wingenbach

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers*** – Martha Griffin, Leslie Harper

***Ushers*** – Wilborn Roberson, Ron Bellows, Jim Griffin, Pat Shaner

***Acolytes*** – Jackson Stock, Briana Celec

***Altar Guild*** – Maggie & Dave Smith

***Livestreaming Team*** – Phil Sargent, Jody Wall

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