



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 15, 2023



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the People of St. Patrick’s
in Thanksgiving for the Ordination of Gabriel Lawrence

*As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room
is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence
and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.*

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

— All stand as the bell is tolled.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” **H82 # 7**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *in front section of H82 #S 280*

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to
good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

All **Amen**
— All are seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of
aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to
the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a
dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was
stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a
feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the
sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the
Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for
whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be God.

Psalm 23 To be said by all in unison

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God**

— *All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN *“As We Gather At Your Table”* **ELW #522**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Jim Bullion*

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

NICENE CREED

All **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need..

After each petition:

Intercessor God of Grace,
All **Hear Our Prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider 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.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*
All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – PREFACE

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

GREAT THANKSGIVING – SANCTUS *in front section of H82 #S 125*

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

— *All stand or kneel.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B *BCP pg. 368*

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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**

FRACTION ANTHEM *"My Flesh Is Food Indeed"* *in front section of H82 #S 169*

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

— *All are seated.*

HOLY COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion from the center aisle. Please place your hands open in front of you to receive the bread. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup (chalice) or if you wish to receive it by having the bread dipped and placed on your tongue (intinction), please move to the chalice administrator standing off to the side. You may either stand or kneel at the Altar rail for the Chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN I *"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"* **H82 #645**
COMMUNION HYMN II *"What Thanks and Praise to Thee We Owe"* **H82 #285**

— *All stand at the direction of the Presider.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen**

BLESSING

The Presider proclaims God's blessing. All respond 'Amen'.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* **ELW #547**

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Oct. 15 - Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
Oct. 16 - Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM
Oct. 22 - Morning Prayer II 10:00 AM
Oct. 23 - St. Clare's Kitchen – 10:00 AM
Oct. 28 - Trunk 'N Treat – Time TBD
Oct. 29 - Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM
Oct. 30 - Blood Drive 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM
Nov. 5 - Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
United Thank Offering
Stewardship Luncheon - 11:00

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS took place on October 8th and food was collected for animals in need. Marian White delivered 142 pounds of pet food to the Albany Humane Society. They send their heartfelt thanks to all who donated.

UNITED THANK OFFERING – The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Through this offering we nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God for our blessings. On or before Nov. 5th we ask that you bring your UTO blue boxes or your envelope to church for blessing. Boxes and envelopes are in the church narthex.

PARISH PHOTOS - Tony Moreschi, our Parish Photographer, are taking pictures for our Church Directory. Please sign up for a photo session with Tony. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON – Save the date! Plan to be here on Sunday, November 5th for a special Stewardship Luncheon. In place of our usual First Sunday Brunch, you will be treated to gourmet luncheon fare with no work from you! More details to follow during the coming weeks.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR | Would you like a place in the Choir? Choir practice is at 6pm on Wednesdays and 9:15 am Sunday mornings, and all are welcome. Come and sing with us – we have a seat for you!

NURSERY | Our Nursery is available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

BACK FORTY | The Men of the Back Forty are looking for volunteers to help with the ground maintenance. If you are able, please contact Joe Wingard.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar

November 5, 12, 19 & 26, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Cereal, Oatmeal, Microwavable foods

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Ruth Fountain **5th** – Carol Wilch **13th** – Evelyn Clements **25th** – LeConte Talley III **27th** – Tina Burney
29th – David Hogue

BIRTHDAY:

1st – Anne Northrop, Jo Anne Tanner **3rd** – Emmanuella Okafor **10th** – Uzoma Okafor **11th** – Libby Sisson
14th – Jane Braun, Bunny Hamlin **23rd** – Amanda Clements, James Goodin **24th** – Jordyn Janea **25th** – Sam Stringer **26th** – Bob Baranko **29th** – Jackie Driggers

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

7th – Daniel & Annie Vanoteghem **22nd** – Ian & Donna Sakura-Lemessy **23rd** – Frank & Sam Jones **28th** – John & Barbara Cumbee

Hill Gillespie, Crystal Webb, Martha Holloway, Stephen K., Ray M., Mark Brunson, Bonnie Hough, Donna Timmons, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsasis.

<u>SERVING IN WORSHIP</u>	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
COFFEE HOUR:	Fran and Jim Kempf	Orva and Tim Voth
ALTAR GUILD:	Loretta Williamson, Sandra Rowe	Loretta Williamson, Sandra Rowe
NURSERY ATTENDENTS	Marian White	
OFFERTORY BEARERS:	Orva and Tom Volh	
GREETERS:	Tracy Stringer	
USHERS:	Jim Kempf, Sam Stringer	Marian White Rose Dunlap
A/V TEAM:	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
READERS:	Orva and Tom Voth	Lindsey Stewart
ACOLYTES:	Daniella and Emmanuella Okafor	Daniella Okafor
CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR:	Stacey Driggers	
VERGER:	Carolyn Brunson	Lamon Brand

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