



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

10:00 AM

### VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,  
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

# THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

God whose giving knows no ending

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- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the One, Holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you know our thoughts and our desires; there is nothing we can hide from you.

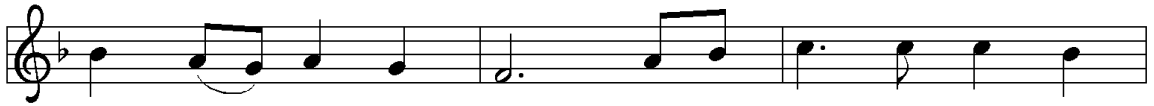
Enter our hearts today and by your Holy Spirit help us to truly love you as we glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *seated*

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, \*  
until God shows us mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## THE EPISTLE *seated*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Lector*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *standing*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 25:14-30

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Marc Rieke

THE NICENE CREED      *said by all, standing*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The intercessor offers the petitions, all respond, **Hear our Prayer.***

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins to God.

All

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

God forgives us; be at peace. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE *standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people offer a greeting of peace to one another.*

## *BUILDING A PLACE WHERE LOVE DWELLS* TESTIMONY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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## DOXOLOGY HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive are encouraged to come forward to receive.*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider*

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

*The prayer continues until*

*Celebrant* And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The prayer continues until*

*Celebrant* And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
 the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
 longing for Christ's coming in glory,  
 and presenting to you these gifts  
 your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
 we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All* **Dying, you destroyed our death.  
 Rising, you restored our life.  
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The prayer continues until*

*Celebrant* Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*All*           **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*    As Christ teaches us we pray,

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.*

*Celebrant* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*People*       **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

## PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Hold your hands out in front of you to receive the bread and help guide the cup to your lips. Gluten-free wafers are also available by request.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the  
world and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the People.*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.



DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the People, who respond*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## ***Building a Place Where Love Dwells***

Currently we are visiting with individuals and households to encourage support for our Giving campaign. If you have not yet been contacted and would appreciate a visit, please call or email the church at [office@stlukesseattle.org](mailto:office@stlukesseattle.org) and we'll set something up!

Commitment of Giving cards and Campaign booklets are available **today** in church, and will be mailed to all those who cannot attend in person. An online form is currently available on the website ([stlukesseattle.org/building-a-place-where-love-dwells/](http://stlukesseattle.org/building-a-place-where-love-dwells/)). Please take the time to prayerfully consider your giving estimate for 2024, and for the 3-year building campaign above and beyond regular giving.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our In-Gathering **Sunday, December 10** where we will joyfully present our commitments and celebrate with a luncheon after church.

**Now - December 10** | Building a Place Where Love Dwells Campaign

**Nov-Dec** | Giving Estimate cards are available for you to complete

**November 19, 11:30am** | Join Marc Rieke from the Enrichment Group to learn about the different ways you can participate in the annual giving and capital campaign.

**December 10 | Celebrate!** We'll gather the cards, bless them, and have a great party!

For now, talk to anyone you budget with, think on it, and pray to decide what gift God is calling you to make for the annual giving campaign and to the capital campaign for building our new church space. *Thank you for your support!*

### ***Building a Place Where Love Dwells* Forum TODAY at 11:30am**

Meet Marc Rieke, our capital campaign consultant, today after worship. Marc is the Senior Consultant for The Enrichment Group, a consulting team serving Christian churches in capital and annual fund appeals, stewardship education initiatives, feasibility and visioning studies, and strategic planning efforts. In his 23 years as a consultant, Marc has led nearly 150 successful capital campaigns in churches and church-related organizations - many of them within the Diocese of Olympia - in projects ranging from several hundred thousand dollars to more than \$10M. Marc and his husband, Paul, make their home in Fircrest and are active participants at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma.

Marc will offer reflections on the joyful impetus for giving centered around 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9. He will also provide helpful tips on the many ways you can participate in the campaign.

### **Register Today for the Advent Retreat December 9**

*The World is About to Turn*, a diocesan Advent retreat for 20s & 30s, Saturday December 9th. Explore the many facets of Advent with dynamic speakers from around the Diocese, and enjoy fun, food & friendship with other young adults. Register at <http://tiny.cc/gewcvz>.

### **2024 Civil Rights Pilgrimage: Living Justice | September 30 - October 9, 2024**

Join Canon Britt, Pastor Bryon and Canon Carla Robinson for a 9-day pilgrimage from Atlanta to Memphis, stopping at the iconic sites where the Civil Rights Movement and the current fight for racial justice continue. This all-inclusive trip is open to members, friends, family and traveling companions. The trip is very personalized and unique, with contacts and locations chosen by the trip leaders. For information and registration, <https://circlesofcolor.org/crpilgrimage/> or contact Canon Britt. Spots are filling up, so consider joining this exceptional opportunity!



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## **Liturgical Ministers**

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Altar guild

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

Marc Rieke

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