



## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10am

*Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.  
2 Timothy 1:10*

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn #1 ~ *Father, We Praise Thee*

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore thee.

Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where thy saints  
united joy without ending.

All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessèd, send us thy salvation;  
thine is the glory, gleaming and  
resounding through all creation.

*Priest* I saw a great vision in the night; I saw a new world coming, for first had passed away,  
*People* **We heard a great voice in the night; we heard the Lord saying, "Be not alarmed.  
The end is not yet.**

*Priest* There is no rock like our God. The Lord gives courage to the faithful!  
*All* **The Lord reigns; let us rejoice and be glad!**

*Officiant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

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.*

### The Collect

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.*

### Old Testament

#### 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have

drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

### The Response

Psalm ~ 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.

**My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.**

“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

**Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;**

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

**The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

**The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

**The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.**

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.**

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

**“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.**

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

**The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

### The Epistle

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”  
he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel Hymn #573 ~ *Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation* (verses 1 - 3)

Father eternal, Ruler of creation,  
Spirit of life, which moved ere form was made,  
through the thick darkness covering every nation,  
light to man's blindness, O be Thou our aid:  
thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

Races and peoples, lo, we stand divided,  
and sharing not our griefs, no joy can share;  
by wars and tumults love is mocked, derided,  
his saving cross no nation yet to bear:  
thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

Envious of heart, blind-eyed, with tongues confounded,  
nation by nation still goes unforgiven;  
in wrath and fear, by jealousies surrounded,  
building proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:  
thy kingdom come, O Lord, thy will be done.

The Gospel  
[Mark 13:1-8](#)

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

The Nicene Creed

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 man. 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 Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray to the Lord, saying  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, who is righteous and just, you watch over us all and lift up the lowly. You provide all our needs and are always faithful. To you, O faithful One, we lift prayers for ourselves and our neighbors

We pray for the church, that we might execute justice, feed the hungry, and watch over those in need...  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world and its leaders, that they might turn to the way of righteousness and free those who are oppressed...  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are bowed down, captive, or alone, Help us to be their keepers so that they might be lifted up...  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might find restoration in your healing...  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up to you the silent prayers we hold in our hearts...  
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all praise and honor are due to you, almighty God, No and forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the One who hears our voice and is deeply moved by our distress.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

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. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

### **Doxology**

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3 only

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

God of freedom, accept all we offer you this day. May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Minister and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Officiant continues*



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Officiant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Officiant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Officiant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

## Distribution of Communion

## Communion Anthem

## Post-communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May the unity we know this day live in our community and family. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*People* **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

Closing Hymn #680 ~ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1-3 & 6)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;

under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure.  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

### Weekly Prayer List

Diane Brophy, Maureen Burke, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Beth DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Janet Horrigan, Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, (Baby) Autumn Ladder-Bush, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Lisa Lancaster, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Bonnie Muise, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Gordon Noseworthy, Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Bo Shaw, Kelly Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Meghan Tapley, Addison White, Walter, and Rachel.

## Announcements

### Counting

Just a reminder we will be counting on Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Kindly forward any remembrance gifts, pledges, or other donations beforehand. **Thank you!**

### Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

Once again we will be holding a sale of Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettia Plants in the month of November. Order yours today and be sure to share this with a friend or two or ten!



6.5" Pot (contains 1 Red Poinsettia plant)	\$17
7.5" Pot (contains 2 Red Poinsettia plants)	\$29
14" Wreath with Red bow	\$29

Order online: [st-johns-church-saugus.square.site](http://st-johns-church-saugus.square.site) or contact the church office. Cash, Check and MC/Visa accepted. Payment must accompany order.

**Order deadline: Wednesday, November 30, 2021**

**Order pickup: at St. John's on Friday, December 3, 2021, 1PM - 6 PM**

Questions may be directed to Jeanne Seaboyer by contacting the church office: 781-233-1242

### Community Outreach for Gift Card Donations

A reminder that until Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, we are also participating in the Saugus Fire Department's annual appeal to help make Christmas more enjoyable for families in need. Gift card donations (pizza, X-box, Visa, Amazon, etc.) to benefit teens and tweens will be gratefully accepted, and for those wishing to make a monetary contribution toward the purchase of gift cards, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer (see above). Thank you for your support!

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge ~ Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
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