



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 • 10 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal 362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

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God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

Opening Acclamation

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

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

People of God, gather together

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Peo ple of God, ga ther to ge - ther, come, let us
 Hear - ing God's word, heed - ing the mes - sage, come and re -
 Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
 All gen - ders now, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the
 sing on this gl - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad praise to the
 joy as we an - swer the call. With one ac - cord, made in God's
 share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts, heal - ing di -
 cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain thanks ne - ver
 Mak - er, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray. Come, let us
 im - age, come in com - mu - ni - ty, we - com - ing all.
 vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
 end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.
 join in the hea - ven - ly dance, prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

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

Psalm 23

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.

¹ O God, you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.

³ You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake
of your Name.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

The Second Reading

After the reading:

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

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.

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

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.



*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,
Begot / ten, 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
Vir/gin 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 gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your goodness;
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Confession and Absolution

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

The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

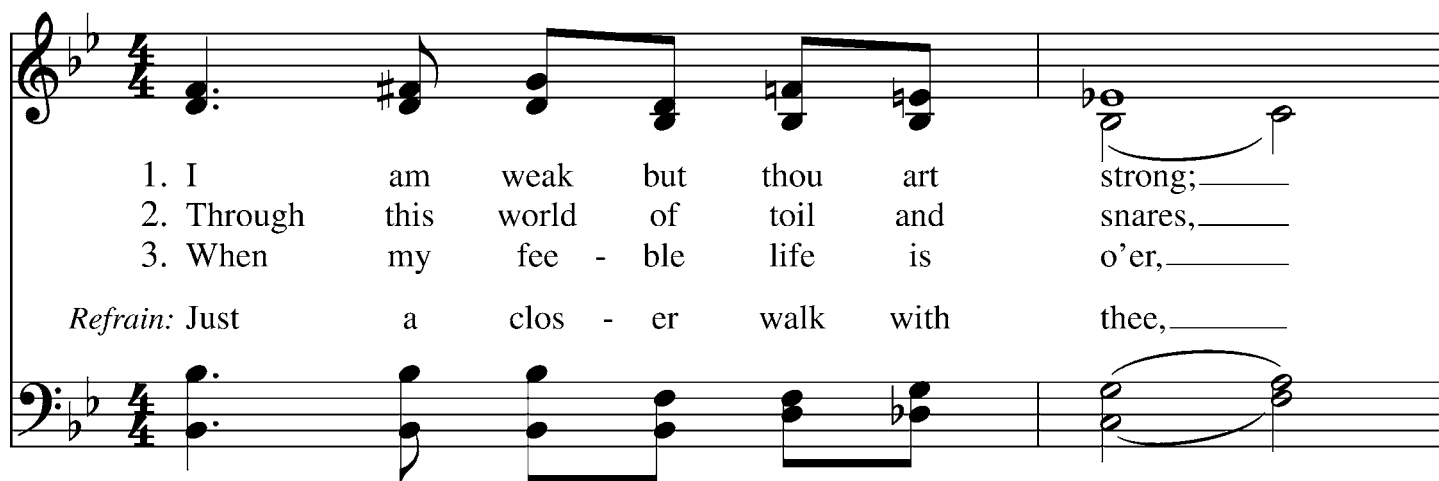
The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession

Just a closer with thee

Lift Every Voice & Sing II 72

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves. **Give to the Advocate online:** <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate>



1. I am weak but thou art strong;____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,____



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more;____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



1. long____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares?____ None but thee, dear____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er____ To Thy king - dom____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee,____ Let it be, dear____ Lord, let it be.

D.C. for Refrain

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand, as able. Children are invited to gather around the altar.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo

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San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, '**AMEN!**'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Eat this bread

Advocate Songbook 99

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some staves having repeat signs at the end.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Going-Forth Hymn

We are marching in light of God (Siyahamba)

Wonder, Love, & Praise 787

1 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
 2. We have friend - ship in the light of God, we have
 3. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the
 friend - ship in the light of God. We have friend - ship in the
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. (the
 light of God, we have friend - ship in the light of God. (kha -
 nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba

light of God)
nyen' kwen - khos')

We are march ing, march ing, we are march ing, march ing, we are
Si - ya - ham - ba ham be, Si - ya - ham - ba ham - be, Si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God;
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba

march - ing in the light of God;
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

(the kha - light of God)
nyen' kwen - khos')

we are marching, marching, we are
Si - ya - ham ba, ham - be, Si - ya -

Oo Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

march ing, march ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, ham - be, Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

We're glad you chose to worship with us today.

At the Advocate, we welcome you—just as you are. We believe that all of us are made in God's image, and it is our work to see and celebrate that image in each other. So we welcome all ages and stages of life and faith to worship together, trusting that God's love is bigger than anything that may appear to divide us.

Our work looks like: gathering for worship, joyfully praising God, singing, praying, and sharing the bread and wine that makes Jesus present to us. It looks like everyone gathering for lunch after the later service, and getting to know one another well. And once we are fed and inspired, it looks like going out into the world as people transformed, with compassion, to work for justice and to share a vision of what community can be.

We encourage you to participate fully in our worship today, in the way that is right for you: singing, praying, and being present together. Worshippers of all ages need to move around sometimes, and we welcome that. If caregivers need to leave the Chapel to help someone become re-centered, please return when you're ready. If you have something to say, please say it with respect for those around you who may be listening or praying. The best time to speak is when everyone is speaking. The best time to be quiet is when only one person is speaking. If your need today is to be silent, please know that response is also welcome.

We encourage parents and caregivers to help young children engage in the service. You might point out what is going on ("She's reading a story from the Bible," or "Here's the hymn we're singing now"). You might hold the Liturgy Guide or Hymnal so your child may follow along, or even move your finger under the lines. Most importantly, sing, pray and respond yourself: your child will learn to participate by following your example.

We encourage all adults to affirm our children, and anyone who may worship differently from you, with comments such as, "It was wonderful to worship with you today," or, "I'm so glad to see you today." This honors the personhood, rather than the behavior, of the individual. Children often can't distinguish between being laughed "at" or laughed "with," so we try to accept their contributions for what they are: an integral part of our common life and work.

We have an interesting story to tell, and we want to share it with you. You may discover more about our history, our worship, our property and our mission to the community on our website and our social media pages.



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