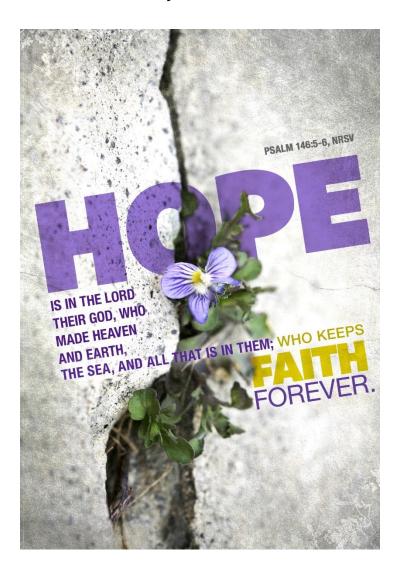
St. Charles Episcopal Church 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024 Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary Concerto in b minor

Johann Gottfried Walter (1684-1748)

The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 410

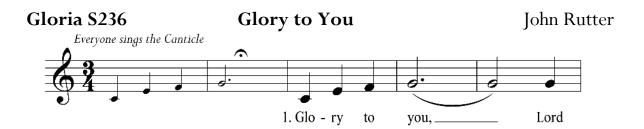
Lauda Anima

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of New Life. **People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.People: Amen.







Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal

was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**



It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD, who sets prisoners free, R.

the LORD who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the LORD, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the LORD who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading

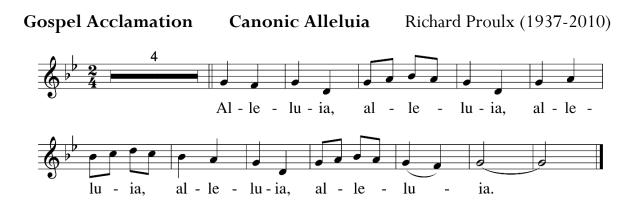
Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once

to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.



Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.

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 (Form VI)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

- Intercessor: For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop Paula Clark, for our Priest Rev. Fran, for our Deacon Steve, and for all bishops and other ministers;
- All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Names are read) The People may add other names silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;All:For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;All:And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence We pray especially for members of this parish. (Names are read) People may add names silently or aloud

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;All:Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence may be kept.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Peace All stand as they are able.

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

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able.

Offertory Anthem Your Hands, O Lord

Carson Cooman (b. 1980)

(sung by the choir)

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave. to you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame, The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame. And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight; And youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light. And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then, In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; Restore and strengthen, soothe and bless with your almighty breath, On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 - Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

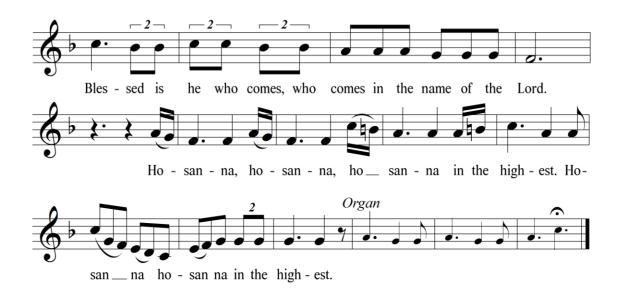
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

> On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

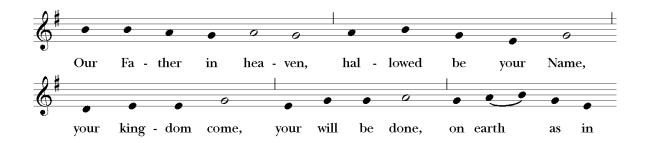
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

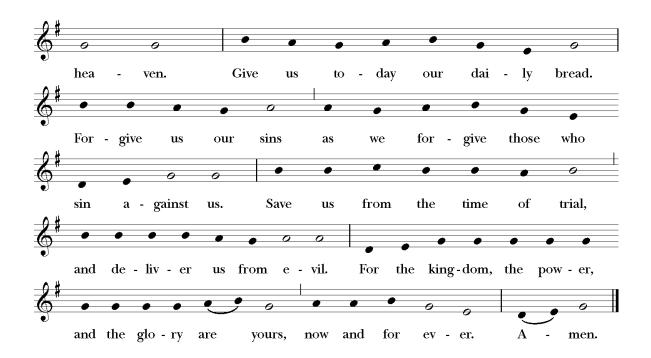
In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

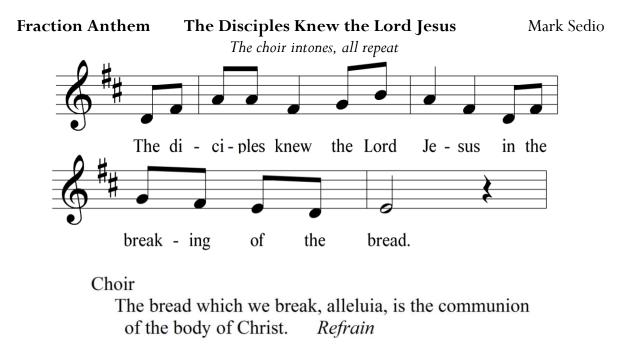
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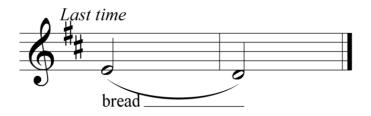


Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.



One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread. *Refrain*



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. The people stand as they are able.

Communion Hymn 686

Post Communion Prayer

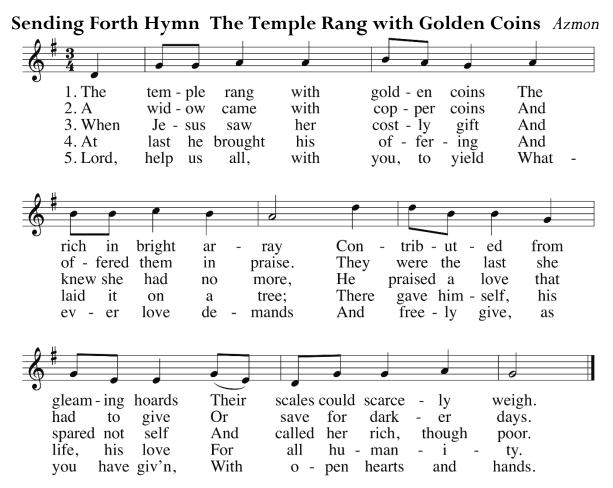
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Blessing

The Celebrant will bless the people.

Nettleton



Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary A Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, by Larry Engel in honor of his 65th Wedding Anniversary.



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Sunday, November 10 Ministry Fair during Festive Fall Coffee Hour
- ✤ Tuesday, November 12 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch, Little Traveler in Geneva, RSVP to Carole Woods



Testimony - Why I pledge to Saint Charles Episcopal Church

The most important factor in calling SCEC my church, and why I support it, is SERVICE. St. Charles Episcopal is all about service. We have a focus on service to others and to members through:

- Feeding ministries
- Facility availability to AA and Al Anon groups; labyrinth to all
- Worship, regular, seasonal and special events, compline
- Community partner immigration speaker, voting information
- LGBTQ+ outreach
- Prayer; prayer shawls, prayers for the people, DOK, healing prayer
- Music ministry including special programs
- Committees of Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors, Building, Grounds
- Racial Justice efforts
- Creation Care/Green Team efforts toward sustainability and respect for all of God's creation

The service elements I see and appreciate are not just those that are formalized. Members serve one another in providing attention, home meals when needed, rides to church, medical appointments and elsewhere and in their profound and enriching concern for others. We care about others. This is because our foundational relationship is with God. Two scriptures come to mind when considering our church:

- 1) Isaiah 6:8 ... "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I **send**, and who will go for **us**? Then said I, Here am I; **send me**."
- 2) Matthew 25, verse 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant

Please prayerfully consider your contributions of time, talent and treasure to St. Charles Episcopal. ~Robin Weaver



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