# An Instructed Holy Eucharist

# October 23, 2022

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## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25C

**To help us** gain more understanding, meaning and benefit from our worship, **our service this morning** will include, along with our regular worship, a running explanation of the service. Before selected sections of the service, a few words will be spoken, explaining the significance and purpose of that particular part which will follow. Today's service this morning is not intended to be a "demonstration." The explanations, we hope, will not detract from a worshipful atmosphere, but, rather, enhance our experience of being in the presence of God.

**Worship gathers our community** to sing, tell, and enact God's story of the world, from its beginning to its end. In worship, and specifically in the Liturgy of Holy Eucharist, we remember God's redemptive work in history and as we sing, preach, recite, and enact the story of God's great deeds of salvation, we especially remember the stories of God's work among God's people. And we anticipate the future where sin and death having been defeated and where the new heavens and new earth will begin. In some ways, a liturgy is a drama, with God as the audience, and us as the actors.

Please note you have a place for note taking in your bulletin, on p.19, so write down questions as they arise, and we will attempt to answer them during the coffee hour.

So, having set the stage, we enter into the first act of the drama, known as "The Liturgy of the Word."

#### Prelude

#### Narrative Pause

**Opening Hymn** God is here! Tune: *Abbot's Leigh*, Hymnal 379





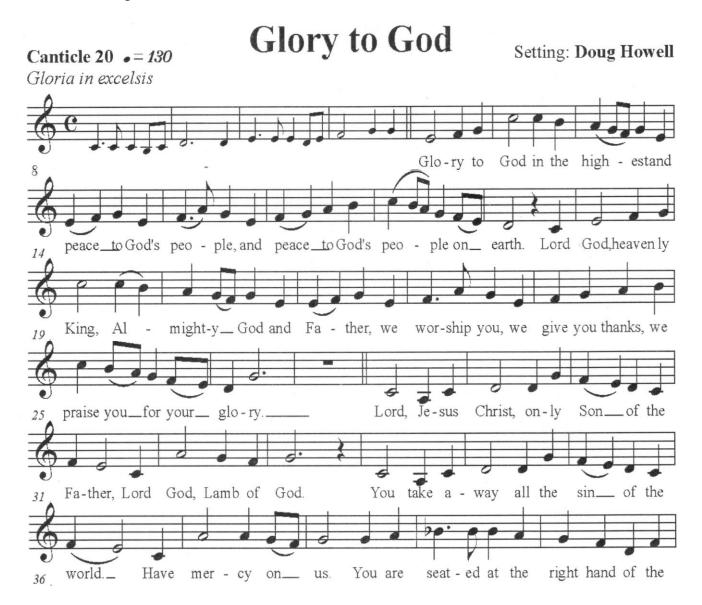
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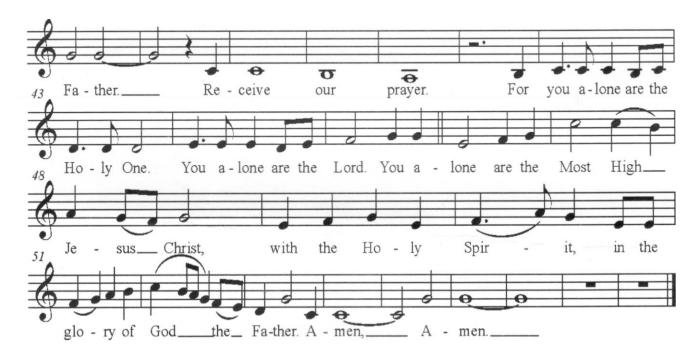
# *Presider* Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

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.

## Gloria: Glory to God





## **Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

## Narrative Pause

## **First Reading**

Sirach 35:12-17

A Reading from Ecclesiasticus, or the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach.

<sup>12</sup>Give to the Most High as he has given to you,

and as generously as you can afford.

<sup>13</sup>For the Lord is the one who repays,

and he will repay you sevenfold.

<sup>14</sup>Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; <sup>15</sup>and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.
<sup>16</sup>He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
<sup>17</sup>He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Remain seated.

## Psalm 84:1-6

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
<sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
<sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
<sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
<sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the Second letter to Timothy.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through

me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

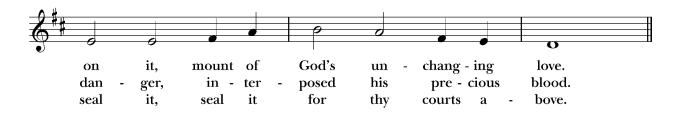
ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.All stand as they are able.

#### **Sequence** Hymn

Hymnal 686

Come thou fount of every blessing





All remain standing as they are able.

## **Holy Gospel**

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and

regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."



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

## Sermon

## Narrative Pause

All stand as they are able.

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. Luke 18:9-14

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 remain standing as they are able.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Happy are the people whose strength is in the Lord! Let us come humbly before the Most High, praying, "God be merciful, And hear our prayer."

*Intercessor* Lord, be merciful to your Church. We remember before you our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St David's, Southfield; and James the Apostle, Angelina, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Province de L'eglise Anglicane du Congo; and for all the members of Christ's body. Forgive us our pride, and the times we obscure your mercy. Give us humility that we may generously give to you as you have given to us. God be merciful, **and hear our prayer.** 

#### Silence

Lord, be merciful to our nation. Forgive us our pride, and the times we have gloried in our own accomplishments. Give us humility that we may generously care for the orphans, the widows, and all those in need. God be merciful, **and hear our prayer.** 

#### Silence

Lord, be merciful to the residents of our community. Forgive us our pride, and the times we fail to trust that you stand by us and give us the strength we need. Give us humility that we may generously address the challenges that face us. God be merciful, **and hear our prayer.** 

#### Silence

Lord, be merciful to us, those called to care for your creation. Forgive us our pride, and the times we have polluted the springs and pools of water with which you have blessed us. Give us humility that we may generously deal with all of your creation. Give us grateful hearts, that we may truly thank you for your gifts [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

Lord, be merciful to all those with broken hearts, bodies, and souls [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Forgive us our pride, and the times we have exalted ourselves above your suffering servants. Give us humility that we may generously love all your people.

Lord, be merciful to all who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Accept them into the glorious company of the communion of saints. Make for them a home in your dwelling forever. God be merciful, **and hear our prayer.** 

#### Silence

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## Narrative Pause

All then kneel as they are able

## **Confession of Sin**

The Presider says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

#### 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 our Savior 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.

#### A Priest stands and says

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. **Amen**.

## Narrative Pause

All stand as they are able

## Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## People And also with you.

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

All may then be seated.

## Announcements

## Narrative Pause

# **Holy Communion**

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

## **Offertory Hymn**

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing as they are able

# **Great Thanksgiving**

Presider	The Lord 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.

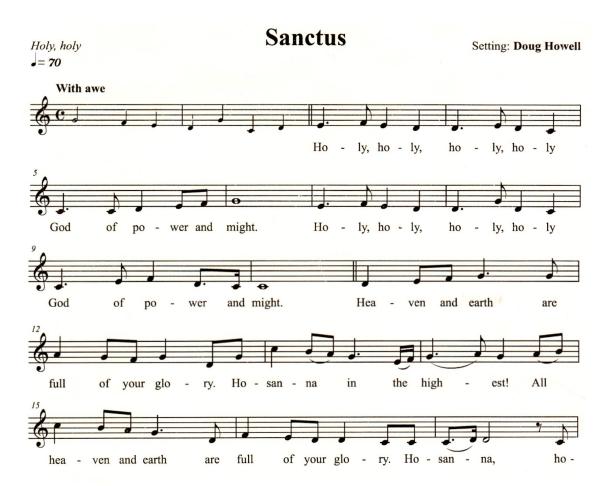
The Presider proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.** 

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**  From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.** 

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy



## Narrative Pause

#### The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.** 

Lord God of our Parents; God of Abraham, Hagar and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

## Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



## The Lord's Prayer

The Presider then continues

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

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.

#### Narrative Pause

# **Breaking of the Bread**

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider then says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

## **Post-Communion Hymn**

Hymnal 302

Father, we thank thee



**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

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

A priest blesses the people, saying

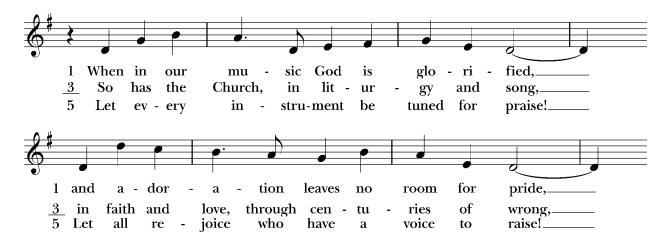
The blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

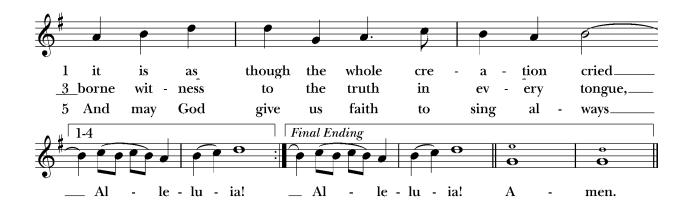
## Narrative Pause

## **Closing Hymn**

Hymnal 420

When in our music God is glorified





#### Dismissal

MinisterLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.People**Thanks be to God.** 

## Postlude

**Faith in Action** provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to <u>Nancy</u> who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The *next Food In-Gathering is Sunday, November 20*. Please contribute as generously as you can.

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

- Oct. 23 James of Jerusalem, Brother of our Lord Jesus Christ
  - 24 Hiram Hisanori Kano, 1986
  - 25 Tabitha (Dorcas) of Joppa
  - 26 Alfred, King, 899
  - 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
  - 29 James Hannington, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885

**For your calendar:** Advent 2022 Compline services will be offered via <u>Zoom</u> on the four Wednesdays of the Advent season: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in

participating in one (or more) of these services as the People's Respondent should contact <u>Amma</u> <u>Marion</u>.



#### Pentecost 20 - Proper 25C October 23, 2022

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The second letter to Timothy is written by a devoted follower of Jesus at the end of his life to his younger companion in the faith,

Timothy. This passage comes at the end of the letter as the writer acknowledges that his time is almost up. He has "fought the good fight" and "kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7, NRSV). He did so even in moments when remaining faithful wasn't easy. The writer tells that in a moment of need, no one came to help him, but instead his friends deserted him. Yet, at no point did God abandon him. The writer states that God strengthened him so that the message of the gospel could be spread. As he closes this letter, the writer seeks to remind Timothy—and us as well—that God is faithful and will never abandon us, no matter the circumstances.

• How have you experienced God's presence and faithfulness in the midst of hardship or difficulty?

#### Luke 18:9-14

In this portion of Luke's Gospel, Jesus offers a parable to those "who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt" (Luke 18:9). To teach this lesson, Jesus describes two individuals who in his time would have been seen as examples of virtuous and corrupt living—a Pharisee was a member of the religious authorities and a spiritual leader while a tax collector was one who gained money through dishonest dealings and was generally despised by many. Jesus tells that these two went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee's prayer is really just a speech meant to bring attention to himself. The Pharisee extols his own piety and his commitment to spiritual disciplines. He is self-congratulatory and confidently pleased that he is "not like other people" (Luke 18:11).

The tax collector, on the other hand, offers a prayer of humble and genuine contrition. He is aware of his sins and shortcomings, he acknowledges that he is a sinner, and he pleads for God's mercy. This person, Jesus teaches, is the one who leaves that place justified. Once again, Jesus offers a parable that completely reverses expectations. The tax collector, the one seen as corrupt and morally bankrupt, is offered as an example to follow while the religious official is characterized as self-absorbed and haughty.

This parable is an invitation to remember that humility is central to the Christian life. Jesus offers the example of the tax collector to show us the importance of remembering that we are sinners always in need of God's mercy. God does not seek empty piety; God seeks genuine and authentic relationship with us. We can only do that when we come to God, like the tax collector, in a state of humility and honesty.

• In what ways might God be inviting you, like the tax collector, to be fully genuine in your life of prayer?

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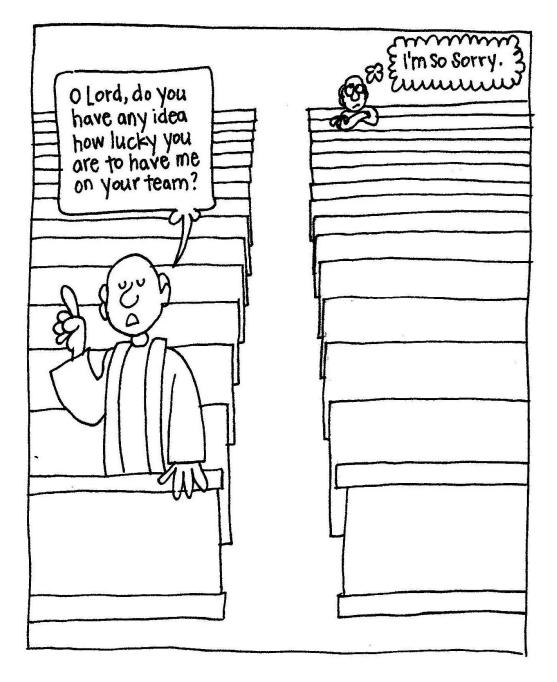
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Notes from this service

#### **Our Mission**:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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