THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GARRETT COUNTY WORSHIPPING AT ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH the episcopal diocese of maryland 10 A.M. \$\diamonds\$ October 26, 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing

Celebrant I see you.

People We are here.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

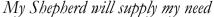
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets

> 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.

Amen. People

Hymn 664



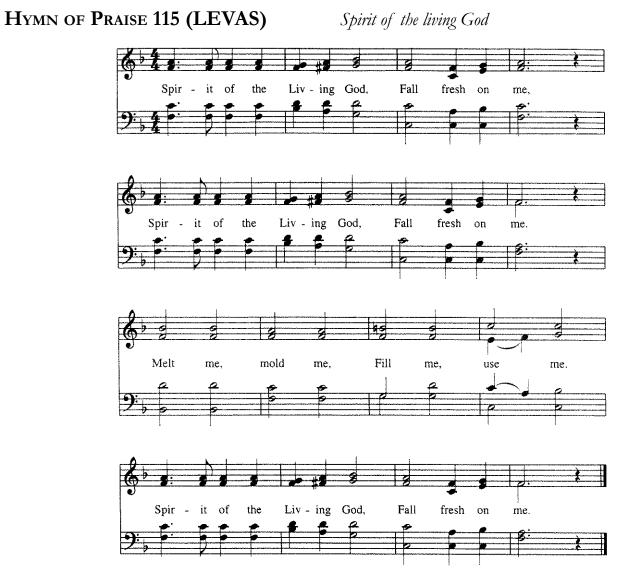


OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response:

We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.



Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON: JOEL 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

PSALM 65 Te decet hymnus

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON:

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 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. 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.

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

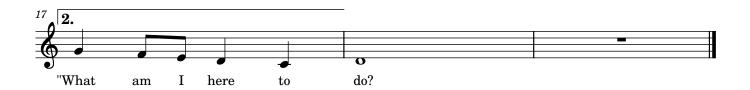
Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder









2024

All standing,

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

Celebrant People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 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. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 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!' 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."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

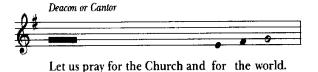
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All stand for

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE





Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this early the second of the

We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here. Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

Hymn 858 (WLP) Holy, holy, holy Lord ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and earth of your glo-ry. might, heaven and full high - est. who comes Lord. Но the name of san na high est. Но san the high est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

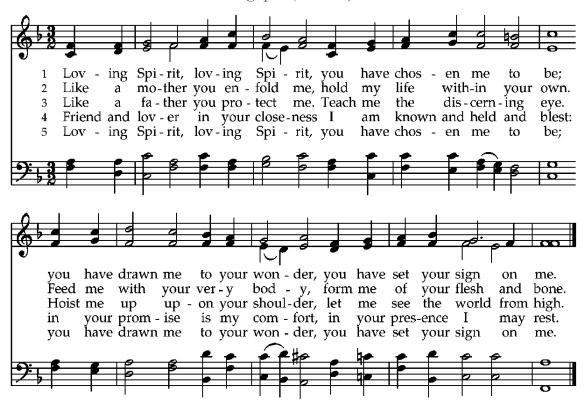
Celebrant and People

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.

Fraction Anthem Hymn 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.



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Music: Omni die, melody from Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Blessed are you our God, Ruler of the universe, who causes bread to come forth form the earth. May your blessing be upon this bread and the bread of those who cannot be in this place, that they may in Spirit share the love and belonging of this community with all. **Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

announcements

food pantry

We are seeing a surge in the need for food in our community. In response to this growing need, we are adding an additional day to our food pantry located at St. John's. **We cannot do this without your help.** We need a few ECGC volunteers who can be available for an hour or two on rotating Mondays to provide groceries to families in need.

For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please contact **Cindy Stacy** at **443-756-4792**.

seekers

The Seekers will meet for a Friendsgiving meal after church on **November 9th**. Ther kids are welcome to bring friends for the meal! The Seekers are still collecting **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

stephen's table

We served 117 lasagne meals at our October supper! Our next meal will be a Thanksgiving feast and will be served on **Thursday, November 20th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals tend to have a very large turnout, so please consider lending a hand if you are able.

If you can help in any way, contact **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net**, or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

it's in the bag

It's in the Bag provides weekend meals to more than 350 of our area's youngest and most at-risk children across all of Garrett County's elementary schools, head start, and early head start programs. Volunteers meet each Wednesday at 11 am at St. John's throughout the school year to pack and deliver bags to the schools.

If you are interested in volunteering for this vital and rewarding ministry, contact **Linda Eisenhart** at **LLeisenhart@gmail.com** or show up on a packing day.

episcopals

There are no EpiscoPals scheduled at this time. If you would like to host an available month, let Julie know. EpiscoPals is held on the third Sunday of the month at 6PM. You are always welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall to host.

nearly new

The Nearly New is always in need of volunteers. We can always arrange for work days outside of the normal shop hours should anyone be interested in helping sort through donations. Even if you only have a day here and there when you can help, we could use it!

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways: Send an email to **nearlynewcrew@gmail.com**

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**

Contact Julie Hartman in her office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or by email at:

episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

upcoming sunday church schedule

November 2nd	St. John's
November 9th (Seekers)	St. Matthew's
November 16th	St. John's
November 23rd	St. Matthew's
November 30th	St. Matthew's
December 7th	St. John's
December 14th	St. Matthew's
December 21st	St. John's
December 28th	St. Matthew's

ministers of today's service

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Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader	Kathleen Gibbs
Chalicist	Kip Senholzi
Coffee Hosts	Kip Senholzi

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or email your request to: episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Chip Lee; Nancy Ihloff; Ron Peterson; Michael Marine; Bonnie Winters; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Mary Ely; Karen Wooddell; Smith Lantz; Barb Riley; John Jorgensen; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Mary Ann Crawford; John Amato; Michael Null; Bernie Ferguson; Liam Wallace; Madalyn Hoffeditz; Megan Morin; Marshall Stacy; Sharon Pyle; Butch Virts; Roberta Seward; the Hodge-Williams Family; Don Loomis; John & Brenda Rathgeb; Frances Sharpless; Laura Tasker; Walt Tasker; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Matthew's, Oakland; St. John's, Deer Park; St. Peter's, Lonaconing.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Church in Wales.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Jeff Arnold, Linda Ludwig Baker; Lexie Byrne; Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Carolyn Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Larry Glatt, Amy Harmon, Stephanie Hawtof & Kevin Rissell; Kolby Hefner, Samantha Hodge-Williams; Dan Jonson, Smith Lantz, Kim Lovett & Family, Madeline Meister, Brenda Rathgeb, Kat & Matt Rayner, Kip Senholzi, and Gavin Tasker.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery are upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcounty.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the livestream at 10 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of the month.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, October 26 at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am Sunday School upstairs in the parish hall Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

Thursday, October 30th at St. Matthew's

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

Sunday, November 2nd - All Saints' at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 am Sunday School downstairs

Coffee hour in the fellowship room immediately following the service

sunday schedule

November 2 St. John's November 9 (Seekers) St. Matthew's St. John's November 16 November 23rd St. Matthew's November 30th St. Matthew's December 7th St. John's December 14th St. Matthew's St. John's December 21st December 28th St. Matthew's

weekly

1st and 3rd Sunday at St. John's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II10 am Sunday School downstairs

2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday at St. Matthew's

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Friday & Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled at this time)

monthly

12 noon Seekers - parish hall (November 9th)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (November 20th)

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