



Dismissal

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Patty Smith.

Celebrant & Preacher next week: Pastor Robert Pearson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: Don't forget to stop by and check out the remaining goodies left over from the Visions of Sugarplums event. Thanks to all of you for your mooerrific support!

STAINED GLASS WINDOW: Exciting Stained Glass News! A generous Guardian Angel will match all contributions to the Joe Huseonica stained glass window through December! "On the Wings of Angels"

SCF MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at SCF, 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is November 28. All are welcome to attend.

December Newsletter Deadline: November 23

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Welcome to **Sunriver Christian Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist in Celebration of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023
10 a.m.

The Rev. Roy Green, *Celebrant*

Pastor Frank Brocker, *Preacher*

Rob Pearson & Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardists*; Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

Order of Service

Jann Phares, *Lector*

Bell Toll *The ringing of the bell calls us to worship and quiets our minds and voices.*

Prelude *A time to prepare for worship.* **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** arr. R and L Sprunger

Welcome & Announcements

Mission Moment: Habitat for Humanity La Pine Sunriver Doug Vakoc

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Words

Celebrant Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord, who seek God with their whole hearts.

All Loving God, fill us with your truth that we may walk in your ways and to the glory of your realm. Amen.

Call to Confession

Celebrant Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

A moment for reflection

Prayer of Confession

All Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn Now the Heavens Start to Whisper ACS #901 OneLicense.net A-740306

1. Now the heav-ens start to whis-per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
3. Christ, e-ter-nal Sun of jus-tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,
Earth from slum-ber wakes to lis-ten to the stir-rings, faint with-in;
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.

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.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution

Please be seated until the usher indicates that it is time for your row to go forward.
All are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood.
If you prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.
If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please notify an usher.
You may respond with "Amen" as you receive Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

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 this Holy Eucharist. 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

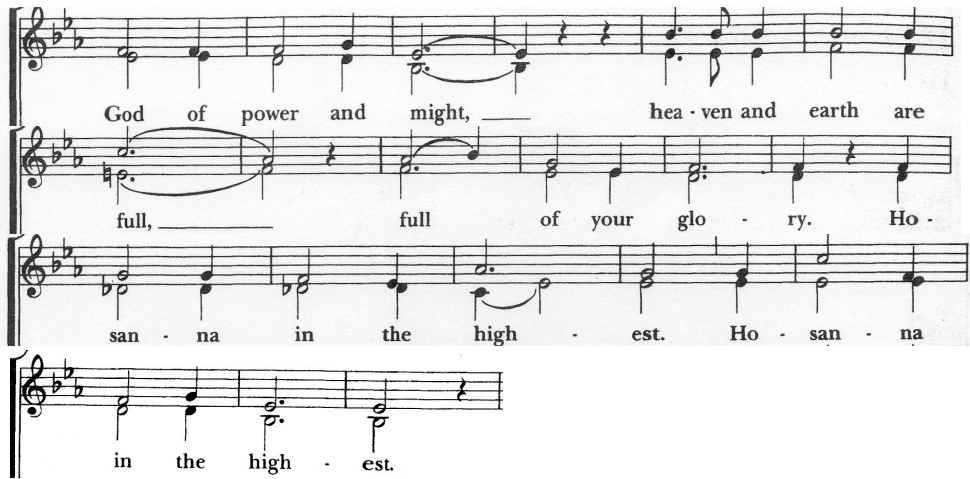
Celebrant Now may the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you at this moment and always.

All Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing W&P #139, OneLicense.net

1. The trum-pets sound, the an-gels sing, the feast is
2. Ta-bles are la-den with good things; oh, taste the
3. The hun-gry heart he sat-is-fieds, of-fers the
read-y to be-gin. The gates of heav'n are o-pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di-vine;
poor his par-a-dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap-plaud



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

On the night you were betrayed, Blessed Jesus, you took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to your friends, and said, “Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, you 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.”

People Remembering now your work of redemption, we celebrate your death and resurrection, as we await the day of your coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Forebears, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and 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.

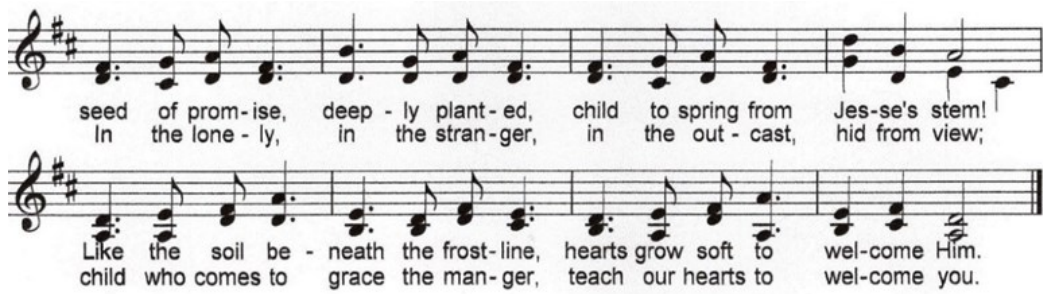
People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Eternal God, 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**



Collect

Celebrant O God, you declare your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fulness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Scripture Lessons

Lector Wisdom is a rare treasure. It is a gift to receive; it is a gift to give. It has been said that wisdom comes to those of many years, or to those who have suffered a great deal. That is often true, but age and suffering are not guarantees of wisdom. In this reading, Wisdom is described as a person, a woman, who is present to all who seek her, and who is even seeking us. One might describe this holy Wisdom as a friend, or indeed, as a lover.

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon , Chapter 6, verses 12-16

Lector Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one’s thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. *The Word of the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 78:1-7 Please read in unison.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

Lector From childhood we learned it is important to be ready. As adults we may have learned that importance as much from when we were unprepared as from when we were prepared. That same wisdom is echoed here in a parable of Jesus, a parable about the end times. It is not wisdom based in fear, but as a gift from a teacher who wishes us to succeed.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
Chapter 25, verses 1-13...

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

Lector Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant May the joy of the Lord be your strength, the love of the Lord be your peace,
and the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offertory

There’s a Quiet Understanding Arr. Smith and Hustad

Offertory Response

The Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you forever and ever.**
Celebrant 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.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant 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.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Lector With all the faithful, let us pray to the Lord, who is our hiding place in times of trouble, who surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance. We pray for all who are hungry – whether hungry for power or glory, or are hungry for a simple meal. Show the mighty that you alone can satisfy the deepest need, and from the abundance which is ours, help us to feed those who have not their daily bread.

All Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lector We pray for the Church in times of trial – whether tested by tempestuous change or tempted to hide in the safety of the status quo. May we be responsive to the needs of others, whether across the world or across the county. Show us the path to peace when anger or fear threaten to divide us, and challenge us when we are complacent

All Hear our prayer, O Lord

Lector We pray for leaders in high places – whether determined to help those who suffer or distant from the cries of the oppressed. Open their eyes to see your saving power at work, and open their ears to hear your prophets’ calls for justice. Hear our heartfelt prayers for the leaders and people in Ukraine, in Israel, in Gaza and across the world as humanitarian crises grow.

All Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lector On this Veteran's Day weekend, we remember the women and men who have served our country with their life and lives. We honor veterans, we honor those currently serving and those entering the armed services, and we remember with respect those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in U.S. wars.

All Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lector We pray for all who are sick. Fill us with your mercy and kindness that we may care for them with loving hearts. In particular we lift up: Lauren B., Mary B., Nancy Fe., Clyde B., Jonathan C., Barbara B., Stan P., Nancy Fo., Dave H., Andy S., Pam & Mac B., Doug S., Susie D., Stephanie S., Patty & Al K., Nancy V., Chuck C., Neil S., Tobin & Michelle K., Carol F., Ann W., Maya L., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Dick and Marianne A., Elizabeth N. & John Scott, Olivia L., Bergen B., Rich D., Aedan V., and William L. In a moment of silence, we offer names of others who are in our hearts [pause]. In gratitude, we come knowing you hear us.

All Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lector Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it – in majesty and harmony – and to see others as you see them, as children of your own heart. And give us grace to see ourselves rightly. Pursue us with your goodness and inspire us with your love, until goodness and faithful love fill every heart and inform every action.

All We pray these things in the name of the One who came that we might be wise and be ready to serve Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Please be seated.

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Musical Reflection Ancient Words Lynn Deshold Gina Rosbrook

Sermon Read the Last Chapter First Pastor Frank Brocker

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn My County Tis of Thee BCP #717, In Public Domain

1. My count - try 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty, of thee I
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet free-dom's
4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty, to thee we

sing. Land where my fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
song. Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
sing. Long may our land be bright with free-dom's ho - ly light,

from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.