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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23
October 11, 2026, 10:00 AM

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We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.

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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II
WORD OF GOD

Prelude **Holy, holy, holy arranged by Howard Helvey** **Michael Mulder**

Opening Hymn **This is the hour of banquet and of song** **Hymnal # 317**

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Glory to God Gloria **LEVAS II # 243**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading **A Reading from the Book of Exodus [32:1-14]**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum* **Psalms for All People V1.2**

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, *
whose mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all God's praise?
3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So the Lord would have destroyed them,
had not Moses stood in the breach, *
to turn away God's wrath from consuming them.

New Testament Reading A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians [4:1-9]

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Sequence Hymn The King of Love my Shepherd is Hymnal # 645

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [22:1-14]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and

foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon **Rev. Judy Ferguson**

Profession of Faith (South Indian), *said together, standing*
Celebrant and People:
We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of the People Form II **BCP 385**
Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
People: Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
People: Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
People: Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
People: Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed.
People: Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Philip, *Deacon and Evangelist* (1st Cent.); Edith Cavell, *Nurse* (1915); Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, *Bishop and Missionary* (1906); Teresa of Avila, *Mystic and Monastic Reformer* (1582); Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, *Bishops and Martyrs* (1555); Thomas Cranmer, *Archbishop of Canterbury* (1556); and Ignatius of Antioch, *Bishop and Martyr* (c. 115).
People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Reader: 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, especially:

People: Mary Pat, Randy, Michael, Ginny and family, Marissa, Rich, Janet, Kathy, John, Ann Marie and children, Alan, Jean, Paula, Bob and Deb, Rich, Maureen, Jeff, Bro, Susan, Sarah, Chris T., John, Howard, Wynne, Venezuelan and Columbian people, Haitians and Syrians affected by TPS, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers;

Reader: and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the:

People: resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.

Reader: I ask your prayers for Katherine Daniels, who is running for Town Supervisor, the spirit of wisdom, service, and justice; that with steadfast purpose she may hear your will and the will of the people of North Salem. **Amen.**

Reader: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and our local communities in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution **BCP 360**
Deacon-in-training: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.

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

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

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence
Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the ;power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. [1 Chronicles 29:11}

Offertory Hymn Hallelujah! Get Happy! By Charles Yannerella **St. James Choir**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

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 him thanks and praise.

Deacon-in-training: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Lay Reader: 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.

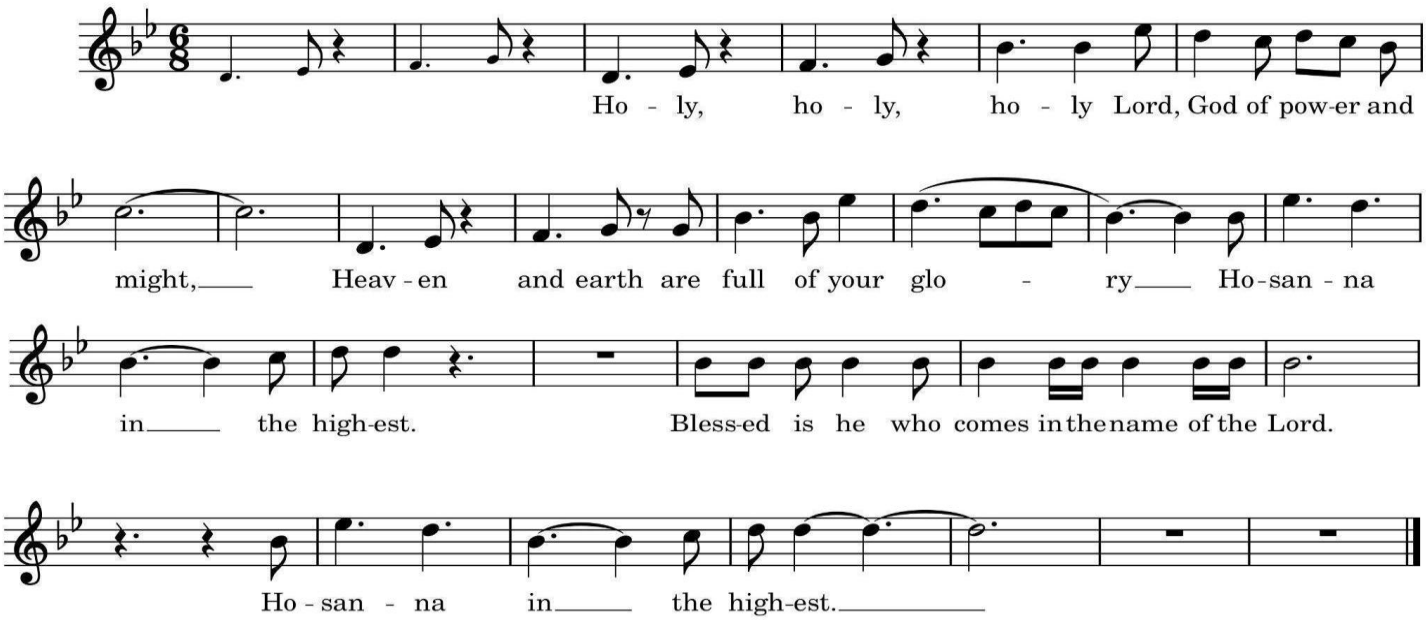
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Deacon-in-training: 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.

Lay Reader: 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* **WLP #785**



Celebrant: 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.

Deacon-in-training: 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."

Lay Reader: 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."

Celebrant: 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.

Deacon-in-training: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

Lay Reader: 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. **AMEN!**

Deacon-in-training: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
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.

Communion Music **One Bread, One Body LEVAS #151** St. James Choir

Postcommunion Prayer
Celebrant and People:
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
Celebrant: O Lord, you who have given us immortal souls: Bless us and help us to grow more and more into the image of your glory and of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** **Hymnal # 362**

Postlude March by Flor Peeters **Michael Mulder**

Dismissal
Deacon-in-training: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Edith Cavell was born on December 4, 1865, in a small village near Norwich, England, where her father held a long tenure as vicar. After caring for her father following a grave illness, Edith became a nurse at the London Hospital in 1896. In addition to working at hospitals and infirmaries throughout England, Edith served as a private traveling nurse, visiting and caring for patients in their own homes. In 1907, Edith assumed a position as matron at the newly founded L'École Belge d'Infirmières Diplômées (known in English as the Berkendael Medical Institute) in Brussels. While serving as matron at the Berkendael Medical Institute, Edith launched a nursing journal, *L'infirmière*, and taught nursing in many schools throughout Belgium. World War I broke out while Edith was in England visiting family, which precipitated an immediate return to Belgium where she began serving as a Red Cross nurse. Following the German occupation of Brussels in 1914, Cavell began collaborating with others to shelter and smuggle Allied soldiers out of Belgium and into the Netherlands. Motivated by deeply held Christian faith, Edith insisted on treating wounded soldiers on both sides of the war effort, which, combined with her outspokenness against the war and the occupation, placed her in violation of German military law. Edith Cavell was arrested on August 3, 1915. During her depositions to the German police, Edith confessed to smuggling more than 60 British and 15 French soldiers, as well as 100 French and British draftable civilians out of Belgium and into neutral countries. The evening before she was executed, Edith spoke to Father Stirling Gahan, the Anglican prison chaplain, these words which are inscribed on her memorial near Trafalgar Square in London: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." On the morning of her execution, she asked Pastor Paul Le Seur, the Lutheran prison chaplain, to ask "Father Gahan to tell my loved ones later on that my soul, as I believe, is safe, and that I am glad to die for my country." Edith Cavell was executed by the German government on October 12, 1915.

Continuing Prayer List

Jackie, Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Morgan, Jeanette, Dean, Bennett, Ann, Joanne and Marie, Sue, Robert and family, Sister CG, Stephanie, Will and family, Kristin and family, Ben, Rob K., Sheryl and family, Sara, Walter and family, Eileen, Barry, Ross, Annie, Bill, Kathleen, Robert, Lee, John, Pam, Joyce and Douglas, John and Susan, Abdul and Mohammed, Nina, Ann and family, Biran, Mike T., Chris, Betsy, Abu, Jeffrey

October 18: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 24: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
October 25: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 25: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
November 1: All Saints' Day: Proper 26: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
November 8: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 27: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
November 15: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 28: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
November 22: Last Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 29: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**
November 29: First Sunday of Advent: **Holy Eucharist service, 10 am**