



St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - October 26, 2025

Prelude Song

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

*We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

*God has proclaimed the just reward,
life for all men, alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

*Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
give praise to His name.*

Announcements

Processional Hymn #686

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

*Come, thou font of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God’s unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: ***And Blessed be his kingdom now and forever. 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.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria - #S-280

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.***

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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*

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 65

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

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

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

4 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.

5 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.

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

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

8 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to 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*

Gospel Hymn #517

"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

*How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.*

*Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.*

*They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Luke (18:9-14)

All: *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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Alleluia - #205, refrain (x3)

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

The Sermon

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 - Form I

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Scott, Richard, and Gerardo our Priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For Donald, our President, for our House of Representatives and Senate, for Ronald, our Governor, for Ken our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For this city of St. Petersburg, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list: Shirley, Lisa, Eileen, Edith, Susan, Pat, Eleanor, Nancy, and Paul, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe, especially: Trent, Skyler, Danny, Ryan, Zack, Matt, Joanne, Caden, Daniel, Courtney, Christopher, James, Luke, Kelley, and Shaye, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, (especially...), let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
All: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader: In the communion of St. Vincent and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
All: ***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: ***Amen.***

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister & 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 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

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

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

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Offertory Hymn #505 “O Spirit of Life”

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
in every need thou bringest aid;
thou comest forth from God’s great throne,
from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.*

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
increase our faith in our dear Lord;
unless thy grace the power should give,
none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.*

*O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,
make us to love thy sacred word;
the holy flame of love impart,
that charity may warn each heart;
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.*

Doxology (Hymnal #380 v.3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

***Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.
All: ***And of thy own have we given thee.***

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

All: ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

All: ***Blessed be God forever.***

The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer A

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 Him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - #S-129

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to

reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.***

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

All together 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.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

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People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Grant us your peace.*

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.

For those unable to be with us in person, please pray this Act of Spiritual Communion:

I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song

“Gifts of Finest Wheat”

*You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.
You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*With joyful lips we sing to you,
our praise and gratitude.
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.
You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord?
You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.
You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity.
You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

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 and Dismissal

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #680 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***