CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY *(BCP, p. 323)*

GLORIA *(BCP, p. 324, said in unison)*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON – Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

PSALM 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 25:14-30
Please stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord**.

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ**.

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED *(BCP, p. 326)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(BCP, p. 328)*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & THE ABSOLUTION *(BCP, p. 331)*

THE PEACE *(BCP, p. 332)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

You may leave your offering in the plate as it is passed or you may scan the QR code with your phone to give online.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, p. 340)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(BCP, p. 336)*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(BCP, p. 337)*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *(BCP, p. 337)*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(BCP, p. 339)*

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL *(BCP, p. 339)*

Prayers

We pray for our parishioners, especially Bob, John, Jim, Suzanne, Jan, Joy, Susan, Audrey, Betty, Charlene, Erin, Peggy, Kathy, Jere, Lucas, Kathy, Maley, Rees, Stacey, Amelia, Caroline, John, Mimi, Ashby, Roger, Esther, Richard, Jerry, Betsy, Peggy, Bobby, Melinda, and Taylor.

We pray for the families and friends of parishioners, especially Rob, Hunter, Sudhir, Phoebe, Bernie, Cathy, Susan, Charlie, Avery, Alyssa, Michael, Jo, Patsy, Pnina, Derek, Charles, Joan, Ginny, Jennifer, Kenneth, Douglas, Betty, Craig, Josh, and Staci.

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