Preparing for the Service

Welcome to a time of quiet reflection in order to prepare for worship.

Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own concerns. Pray for our church. Pray for our world.

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

O God Our Help In Ages Past

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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.

The Acclamation
BCP 123

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father (☩), the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity
BCP 124

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.

The Summary of the Law
BCP 124

We are reminded of the essence of God's commandments for us.

The Kyrie
BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria
(Ode to Joy)

Glory be to God in heaven
peace to those who love Him well
On the earth let all His people
speak His grace, His wonders tell

Lord we praise You
for Your glory, mighty Father
heaven's King
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the praise we bring.

Only Son of God the Father
Lamb Who takes our sin away
now with Him in triumph seated
for Your mercy, Lord we pray.

Jesus Christ most high and holy
Savior You are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit, Three in One.

The Collect for the Day

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day

The First Reading
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

After the reading:

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

Psalm 90:1-12

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling
place
in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were
brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth
and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.

3 You return man to dust
and say, “Return, O children of man!”
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

5 You sweep them away as with a
flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the
morning:
6 in the morning it flourishes and is
renewed;
in the evening it fades and
withers.

7 For we are brought to an end by
your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
8 You have set our iniquities
before you,
our secret sins in the light of
your presence.

9 For all our days pass away under
your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like
a sigh.

10 The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength
eighty;
yet their span is but toil and
trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly
away.

[11] Who considers the power of your
anger,
and your wrath according to the
fear of you?
[12] So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of
wisdom.

The Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

After the reading:

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

The Gradual Song

Ancient Words

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Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world
they resound with God's
own heart
oh let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
changing me and changing you
we have come with open hearts
oh let the ancient words impart.

The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

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

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,

***People*: For to such belongs the kingdom of God.**

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this church, that they may grow up in godly fear and love.

Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. Amen.

The Gradual Song

Ancient Words

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Holy words of our faith handed down to this age came to us through sacrifice oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Ancient words ever true
changing me and changing you
we have come with open hearts
oh let the ancient words impart.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 127

An ancient statement of the core beliefs of the Christian faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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
BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer**.

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence
The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, (†) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words
BCP 131

The priest stands and says the Comfortable Words as assurance of God's forgiveness of us.

The Peace
BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Offertory Song

Refiner’s Fire

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Purify my heart
let me be as gold
and precious silver
Purify my heart
let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner’s fire
my heart’s one desire
is to be, holy, set apart for You Lord
I choose to be, holy
set apart for You my master
ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart
cleanse me from within
and make me holy
Purify my heart
cleanse me from my sin
deep within.

Refiner’s fire
my heart’s one desire
is to be, holy, set apart for You Lord
I choose to be, holy
set apart for You my master
ready to do Your will.

The Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

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Please Stand

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 celebrant receives the offering and blesses it to be used for the purposes of the Gospel.

The celebrant then washes their hands with the help of an acolyte, and prays that God might use their hands to provide for His people through the Eucharist.

The Sursum Corda
BCP 132

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
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.**

The priest continues the prayer, speaking of one of the many reasons why it is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Sanctus
Bettencourt

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power of power and might
heaven and earth are full
of your glory

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power 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
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the name of the Lord.

The Prayer of Consecration
BCP 132

Unforgetting who God is and what He has done for us, and all of His creation, in and through His Son, Jesus Christ

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer
BCP 134

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

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

BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide
but You have sent
Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God
sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in, His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

The Ministration of Communion

BCP 136

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

A prayer team is available in the narthex to pray for healing or other concerns.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
as Thou hast been
Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
morning by morning
new mercies I see
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest
sun moon and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold
witness
to Thy great faithfulness
mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
morning by morning
new mercies I see
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
to cheer and to guide
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine
with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
morning by morning
new mercies I see
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me.

I Am the Bread of Life

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I am the bread of life
they who come to Me shall not hunger
they who believe in Me
shall not thirst
No one can come to Me
unless the Father draws him.

And I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink of His Blood
you shall not have life within you
you shall not have life within you.

And I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

Lord we believe
that You are the Christ
the Son of God
Who has come into the world

And I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

O Breath of God

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Please Stand

O breath of God
come fill this place
revive our heart
to know Your grace
and from our slumber
make us rise
that we may know
the Risen Christ.

O Word of God so clear and true
renew our minds to trust in You
and give to us the Bread of Life
that we may know
the Risen Christ.

O Love of God so unrestrained
refresh our souls in Jesus' name
let us reflect Your sacrifice
that we may know
the Risen Christ.

May God the Father
God the Son
and God the Spirit make us one
in holiness let us unite
that we may know
the Risen Christ.

Post-Communion Verse
BCP 136

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

We take time to open ourselves to any word from the Lord, either for ourselves or for the congregation.

The Post Communion Prayer
BCP 137

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

We desire to be a church family that forms disciples, lives generously, and shares the love of God in our neighborhoods

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Join us for fellowship after the service.

Ways to Connect

Fellowship Meal - after the service

Church Planting Presentation - after the service

Advent Party - Sunday, November 29th, after the service

The Blessing
BCP 137

…and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father (†), the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King
the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the
earth abroad
the honors of Thy Name.

Glory to God
and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints
above
the church on earth and
heaven.

The Dismissal

BCP 138

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth in the
Name of Christ.

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