



Holy Communion: Rite Two
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Instructed Eucharist
September 27, 2026 | 10AM



WELCOME!

We are an Episcopal (Anglican) community of various backgrounds and beliefs, drawn together by our love of God in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. At St. Dunstan's, all people are welcome, no exceptions. Please visit our Welcome Table on the patio to get more information about our church. A "Welcome Pad" is located at the end of each pew if you would like to share your name and/or contact information. If you are interested in membership, please speak with our Rector, Rev. Rebecca. We're so glad you're here!

Prayer book & Hymnals: In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise," produced by our Parish Musician, Gregory Funk.

The Prelude

Instructed Eucharist Directions #1

Opening Hymn 574

Before thy throne

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

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

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

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.

Instructed Eucharist Directions #2

Glory to God in the highest

BCP 356, J-6

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and includes another triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Glo- ry to God in the high- est and peace to his peo- ple on earth. Lord God, heav- en- ly King, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry. ——— Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther,"

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on
cresc.
us; you are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: re- ceive our
f
prayer. ____ For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,
you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi- rit, in the
glo- ry of God ____ the Fa- ther. ____ A - men. ____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Instructed Eucharist Directions #3

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

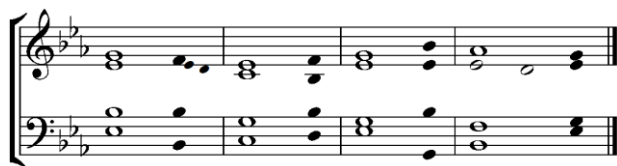
The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn

away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-8



- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in / you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over / me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 477,v1,4,5

All praise to thee

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew...

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing

these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children’s Moment

The Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

Instructed Eucharist Directions #4

The Nicene Creed, *standing as able*

Celebrant and people

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.

Instructed Eucharist Directions #5

Prayers of the People

God is a father to those who obey God's word and to those who ignore it. With great humility, then, and with great confidence, let us confide to God the hopes and needs, the pains and the labors of the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in this world who do not know Christ as the faithful Son who did the will of his Father and revealed to us his Father's kindness, that God's love may be known among them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the churches of the world, that they might prove in their collective witness and action the obedience to God that they profess, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peoples of varied faith and religious traditions, that we may work together, for peace, justice, and the dignity of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this country, that our unity might be strengthened by genuine commitment to God's will and by faithful obedience to God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray especially for those on our prayer list: Shawn, Bill, Jean, Laurie, Dick, Alice, Susan, Bonnie, Renee, Bill, Lisa, Joan, Jen, Norma, Sandia, Anita, Gary, Jim, Brennie, Irene, Emily, Jaimy, Mary Helen

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and peace for the people of our nation and abroad, including the Middle East, Congo, Sudan, and Ukraine
- For God's compassion, truth, justice and peace to rule in our hearts as a nation.
- For local and international stability and security.
- For refugees, migrants, the hungry and those who cannot afford food.
- We pray for and give thanks today for all our Children and Youth Ministry teachers and volunteers

From our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh.

From our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: We pray for the clergy and people of Grace, San Marcos. We also pray for campus ministry at Cal State University, San Marcos, its students and leaders.

From our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those who serve at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, San Diego. We also pray for our Episcopal chaplains and service men and women who have been deployed.

You are invited to add your own intercessions out loud or in your heart.

Concluding Collect

God, you are a God of mercy, A God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

Absolution

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

Instructed Eucharist Directions #6

The Peace, *standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Quilts, *said together*

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the loving hands and spirits of those who created this quilt for the comfort of those in need. Let this quilt be a tangible sign and symbol of your enfolding love as Your Holy Spirit embraces them, eases their pain and worry, and brings them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Instructed Eucharist Directions #7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Handbells: *Siciliano*, from *Flute Sonata no. 2*

J.S. Bach /arr. Sandra Eithun

Instructed Eucharist Directions #8

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

The Lord be with you. And al- so with you. Lift up your hearts. We
lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 3 *People* 3 *Celebrant* 3 *People* 3

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

f *People*
Glory to you for ever and ever.

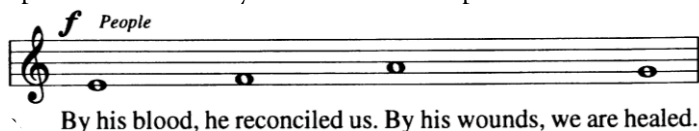
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

f *People*
By your will they were created and have their being.

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.

mp *People*
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.



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:

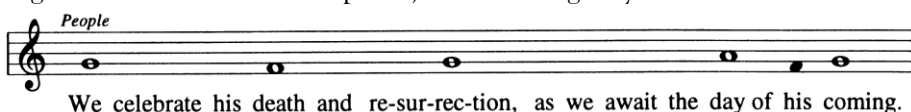


And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

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."

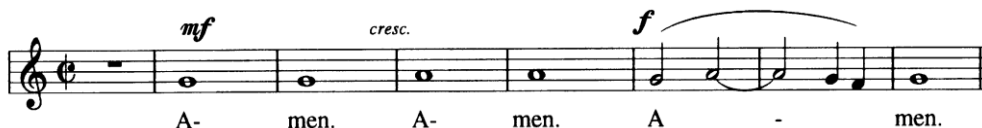
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, 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.



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.



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





The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

[] = omit during Lent

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 Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/ denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

Communion Solo: *In the Quiet Consecration*

arr. Sue Caldwell

In the quiet consecration of this glad communion hour,
here we rest in you, Lord Jesus, taste your love and touch your power.

By your death for sin atoning, by your resurrection life,
hold us fast in blessed union; gird us, nerve us for the strife;

In our trials, Lord, we would trust in You

While afar in solemn radiance shines the feast that is to come
after conflict, toil, and testing~your great feast of love and home!

Communion Hymn J-314

I lift up my soul

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of St. Dunstan's, we send you out
bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people: that those who will receive them with us
may experience the majesty and the mystery of His presence. We who are many are
one body,

People because we all share one bread and one cup.

Instructed Eucharist Directions #9

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

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

Closing Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen
Music	Gregory Funk, Parish Musician Leigh Skinner, soloist Gail Schmidt, violin
Readers	CJ Lowder, Luke Thivierge
Eucharistic Ministers	Mindy Wilcox, Sarah Mitchell, Ann Jarrett
Sunday Sexton	Ryan Sifton

Connect: The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector, rhansen@stdunstans.org
Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

St. Dunstan's Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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