



# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

October 25, 2020

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.*

VOLUNTARY: Song from *Five Pieces for Organ 1981-1982*

Russell Woollen

## THE ENTRANCE

AT THE OPENING, HYMN 381 (stanzas 1-3) "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

*Ton-y-Botel*

*Sung by all.*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*The Presider says the Collect for Purity*

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.**

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE, HYMNAL, S 236

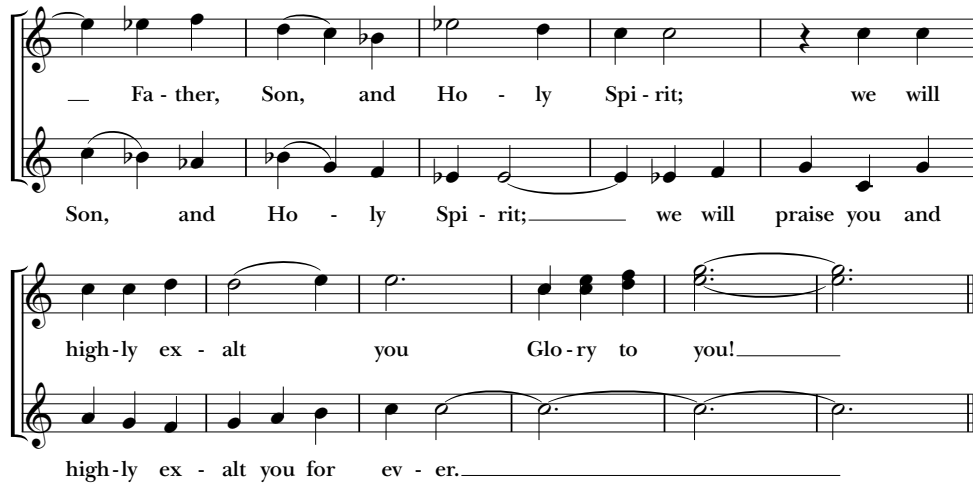
John Rutter

*Sung by all.*



1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
 for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
*Descant*  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to  
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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 WORD OF GOD**

**THE LESSON**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

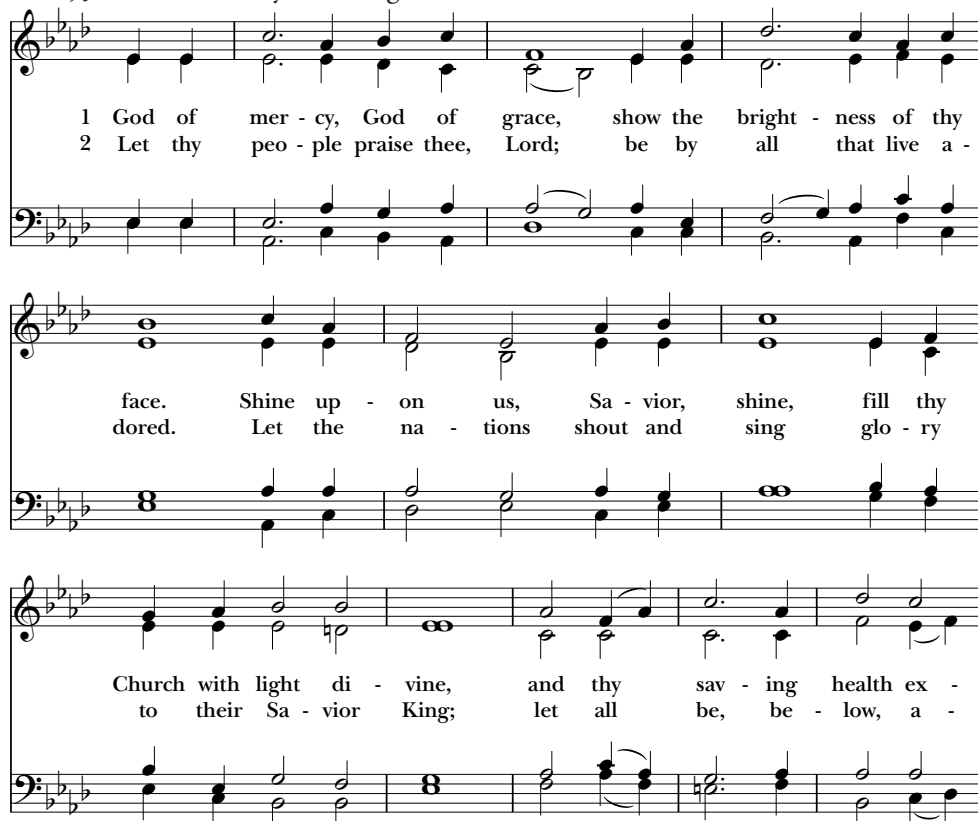
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

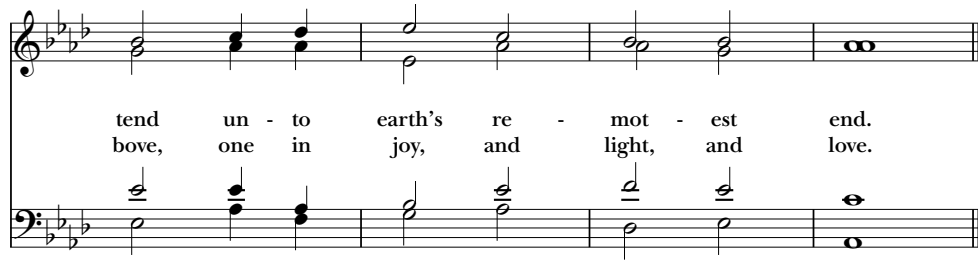
**AT THE GRADUAL, HYMN 538 "God of mercy, God of grace"**

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

*Sung by all.*



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -  
 face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry  
 Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -



**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:34-46

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Jon C. Strand

*A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *[Said by all.]*

**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 VI, Book of Common Prayer, p. 392*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *[Silence is kept.]*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. [*Silence is kept.*]

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*Silence is kept.*]

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. [*Silence is kept.*]

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*]

*Intercessor and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 610 (stanzas 1 & 3) "Lord, whose love through humble service"

*Blaenhafren*

*Sung by all.*

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 127**

Calvin Hampton

*Sung by all.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*The Presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Presider* And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*People* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*People* **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People* **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD, HYMNAL, S 161

David Hurd

*Sung by all.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## INVITATION

*The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. You are invited to use the following prayer in lieu of receiving communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## AT THE DISTRIBUTION, HYMN 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

Hollingside

*Sung by all.*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** [*Said by all.*]

**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**

**AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God!"**

*Festal Song*

*Sung by all.*

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick - ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

**DISMISSAL** [*The people respond,*]

**Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY: Prelude in F Major**

Dietrich Buxtehude