

# The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

16 November 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

***Hymn # 7***

***Christ whose glory fills the skies***

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

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## **The Collect of the Day:**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **The Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a  
delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
    an infant that lives but a few days,  
    or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
    and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
    accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
    they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;  
    they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
    and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,  
    or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--  
    and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,  
    while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
    the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
    but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy  
    on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord  
*People: Thanks be to God*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus***

#### ***Isaiah 12:2-6***

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
    I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
    and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of  
Israel.

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.

### **The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord  
*People: Thanks be to God*

***Hymn #632***

***O Christ, the word incarnate***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

### **The Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

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Th Prayers of the People      Form VI

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**Discernment Prayer (NEW):**

*Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Exchange of the Peace

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving  
Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

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Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

**The Dismissal**

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**Prayers for a New Priest**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Betty Burdge, Keith Hipp, and Ardean Kreasko.

### **Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

### **Halupki “Take Out” Dinner**

Don't forget, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> is our “Take Out” Dinner. You can call the office or e mail us to order your dinner.

### **Stocking Stuffer Season is Now!**

For many years we have joined with parishioners from more than 20 local churches to provide stuffed Christmas stockings to the 335 patients of Torrance State Hospital. These patients are persons who require long-term in-hospital care for behavioral health disorders (mental illness). For many patients, this is the only gift they receive and is the highlight of their holiday season. This year we have been asked to provide stuffed stockings for 15 men. A list of suggested donations can be found the *October and November 2025 Grapevine*. A donation box is located in the Parish Hall. ***Please make your donations on or before Sunday, November 23, 2025.*** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your donations, please contact me at [lcmead@earthlink.net](mailto:lcmead@earthlink.net) or (814) 925-2082. Thank you! Louise Mead

### **Food Baskets for Thanksgiving**

We are still in need of Turkeys, Turkey Breasts and sides for At least 5 Families. Your donations are gratefully appreciated. You can drop off your food items at the Church or if you are giving a Monetary donation, you can drop it off in the collection plate or Mail it in to the office. Deadline is Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Readers and Greeters November-December 2025***

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

### **Sunday Readers**

Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Carosi & Lisa Bell-Loncella
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata

### **Sunday Greeters & Ushers**

Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan

### **Sunday: The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday	Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Tuesday	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Calendar Meeting
Friday	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am	Prep Work
Sat.	Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 am to 1:00 pm	“Halupki Dinner”

### **Next Sunday: The Last Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer I
Thursday	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>		Office Closed



# **The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**16 November 2025**

## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Members of the Standing Committee, the Board of  
Trustees, and Diocesan Council

## **Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of  
Evelyn, Howard, and John Roberts  
Perpetual Flowers

## **Next Week's Readings**

Jeremiah 14(1-6)7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-6  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service***