The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

15 November, 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn #561 ***Stand up, stand up, for Jesus***

The Opening Acclamation BCP 323
The Summary of the Law BCP 324

Gloria S 204

The Collect of the Day:

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.*

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

THE WORD OF GOD

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 prophetess, 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, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing 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.'"

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

Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

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 shows 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 Epistle: 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, beloved, 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.

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

Hymn # 551 ***Rise up, ye saints of God!***

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

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "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. The one who had received the five talents went off at once 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 seed; 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.'"

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

The Sermon **The Rev. Norman Erb-White**

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People BCP 329

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.

The Confession BCP 331

Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

Offertory Anthem ***Choir***

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 333
Sanctus S 114

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Fraction (spoken) BCP 337
Agnus Dei S 158

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #574 ***Before thy throne***

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

Hymn #680 ***O God, our help in ages past***

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 people. 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:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Cindy Leap, Louise Mead, Catherine McCloskey, Susan Kelly, Michael Teore, Carol Adams, Mary Ann Marchl, Rev. Annis & John Rogers, David Wertz, Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo, Sheila Berezansky, Derwood Copeland, Jess, Barbara Matheny, Karen South, CB Guess and Mack Bell.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:
Donovan Pendell, William Horner, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn, Tyler & Bethany McKinley and Marlene Rhin.

Halupki Harvest Dinner
It's Fall and time for our delicious Halupki Harvest Dinner which will be held on Saturday, November 21st. If you would like a dinner (s), please call Joanne. Cost is $12.00.

Torrence Hospital
Louise Mead has graciously volunteered to again help collect items for the patients at Torrence Hospital. There will be a box in the Church Hall for items needed. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Holiday Food for Families
During the Month of November, we will provide families who request assistance with the food items necessary for a holiday meal. If you know a family who might benefit, please share that information with Joanne, or a member of the ECW. Beginning November 20th, we will accept donations of turkeys and turkey breasts, hams and also non-perishables in order to assemble boxes for at least 5-6 families.

Readers and Greeters November 2026

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

Sunday Readers

November 15th	Lisa Bell-Loncella, Donovan Pendell
November 22nd	Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry
November 29th	Donna Carosi, Tina Grata

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

November 15th Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
November 22nd Sam & Heidi Buchan
November 29th Amy & Penn Whitlow

*** Greeters – please be prepared to count the offering following the service

November 15th
Holy Eucharist I Rev. Norman Erb-White, presiding

November 22nd
Holy Eucharist II Rev. Canon Wes Smedley, presiding

November 29th (The First Sunday of Advent)
Morning Prayer I Pam Hysong, presiding

Sunday: The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday November 15th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist I

Tuesday November 17th 5:00 pm Calendar Meeting

Thursday November 19th 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry

Friday November 20th 9:00 am Food Prep

Saturday November 21st 11:00 – 1:00 Take Out Luncheon

Next Sunday The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King

Sunday November 22nd 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Church of the Advent, Jeannette
and the Rev. Martin Wright

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

Next Week's Readings
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
Matthew 25:31-46

Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through Transformational worship and service