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— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

*Our mission is to know
and share the love of Jesus Christ*

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 25
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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Processional Hymn 517 “How lovely is thy dwelling place” (vs. 1-2 & 4)

Brother James’ Air

How lovely is your dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me;
my thirsting soul longs eagerly
within your courts to be.

How blest are they that in your house
for ever give you praise:
one day with you is better spent
than thousands in dark ways.

Beside your altars, Lord of all,
the swallows find a nest;
happy are those who dwell with you
and praise you without rest;

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

People **And blessed be God’s 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.**

Hymn 421 “All glory be to God”

Allein Gott in der Höh

All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God’s good will unfailingly
be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise
for your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed
upon the cross to save us;

and, as you sit at God’s right hand
and we for judgment there must stand,
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,
who came for our salvation,
and only you are God’s true Son,
who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own and,
with the Spirit, you alone
share in the Father’s glory.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 Lessons

First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Plainchant

Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
 from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
 “Go back, O child of earth.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
 and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream;
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
 be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

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

People **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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd David Wantland, *Associate Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We believe in one God,
People 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.

Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, President of the United States, Greg, Governor of Texas, and Sylvester, Mayor of Houston, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, especially those across the street in the Texas Medical Center, for physicians and scientists, for nurses and technicians, for patients and their loved ones kept apart from them, for staff members whose work often goes unseen, and for public health experts during this global pandemic, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Priest offers a special concluding collect for Covenant Sunday, to which the response is Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People 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.

The Priest says

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *A prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester*

Antony Baldwin

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for
me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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The Doxology *Hymnal 380, verse 3*

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Andante
The Lord be with you, And also with you.

Andante
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Andante
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Allegro
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant Our Father,

People **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei S-164

Schubert

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The second system contains: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The third system contains: "Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world:" The fourth system contains: "give us your peace: give us your peace." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The term "Spiritual Communion" has been used historically to describe how a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you today.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine made holy food, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you.

Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant Eternal God, heavenly Father,

People 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.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish;
but nought changeth thee.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Postlude

TOGETHER, WE PRAY

Please Pray for the Following Individuals

Names remain on the list for two Sundays unless the request is renewed by contacting one of the coordinators of our Pastoral Care Ministry: Ruth Davies at rmmdavies@cebridge.net for Palmers or Suzie Dennis at sdennis@palmerchurch.org for non-Palmers.

The Ahrens Family	David Lapp	Elena Sotomeyer
Easton Allen	Marcos de Souza Lima	Phyllis and Ed Svrcek
Georgia Barton	Bob London	Catherine Thompson and Family
Frederick Bear	Jo Lyday	Mary Tobin
Suzanne Brooks	Charlotte McClain	Donna Waldron
Randal Byrd	Michael McKinley	Mimi and Kim Lopez-Waymer
Carlos	Debbie Nightingale	Brooke Wilson
Ragna Case	Yamy Lec Perez	Sorell Williamson
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Harry Powe	<i>For the departed:</i>
Elizabeth Chapin	Jennifer Rabb	Cynthia Parrales
Tina and Ricky Cruz	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios	Frank Scialdone
Darlene Dittoe	Wendy Robertson	Amelia Leigh
Penny Driggers	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder	
Richard Fay	Susan Shivers	
Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Roxane & Michael Short	

Please Pray for Expectant Households

The Fender and Simmons (*International Adoption*) Families
Those expecting a child by birth or adoption are encouraged to contact Roger Hutchison at rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org.

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Evan Adams	James King	Alex Walker
Nathan Adam	Mike Martinez	Taylor Wilby
Michael Anderson	Nate Miller	Caleb Woodburn
Gaston Baza	Andrew Nesom	
Travis Chambers	Harrison Power	
John Harrison	Jim Rosenbach	
Connor Hurt	Adam Salvati	
Jarrett Johnson	Matthew Van Arsdale	
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