

**Holy Eucharist With Confirmation**  
**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 26, 2025—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California



# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

*Meditation on Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke

## Opening Hymn 665

*"All my hope on God is founded"*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -  
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*          **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People*          **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant*      One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*          **One God and Father of all.**

## 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 Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Sirach 35:12–17*

A Reading from the Book of Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,  
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it  
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,  
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;  
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,  
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord.    |
| <i>People</i> | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

## Psalm 84:1–6

- 1      How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2      The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3      Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4      Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5      Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6      They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

## The Second Lesson

*2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18*

A Reading From the Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader  
People

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn 517**

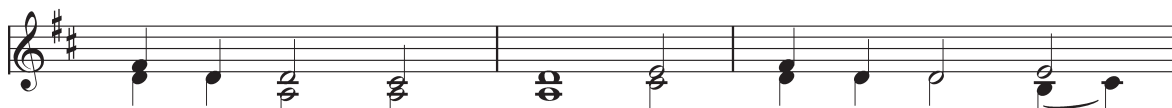
*“How lovely is thy dwelling place”*



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
bless all those who live the words they pray.

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## **The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 18:9–14*

*Clergy*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Right Rev. Lucinda Ashby

## **Confirmation**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Bishop*      The Candidate will now be presented.

*Presenter*    I present Erin Vinyasagar for Confirmation.

*The Bishop asks the candidate*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate*    I do.

*Bishop*      Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate*    I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as  
my Savior and Lord.

*The Bishop then addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People*            **We will.**

*Bishop*            Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Bishop*            Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People*            **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*            Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People*            **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop*            Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People*            **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you  
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the  
Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Bishop then asperges the congregation.*

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

*Deacon* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon the confirmand and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Erin with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that she may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

*Benedicite America*

Kelsey/Green

### *Refrain:*

Let all creation sing God's praise,  
glorify God with thanksgiving and praise.

O sun and moon, you stars of the western skies,  
all daybreak and sunset, twilight and noon;  
lightning and snowstorm, fire and wind,  
thunder and rainbow, geyser and spark.

### *Refrain*

You maple and pine trees, oak and palmetto,  
seedling and lichen, flower and weed;  
all mountains and valleys, canyon and plain,  
caverns, wheat fields, deserts, and rocks.  
You rainfalls and rivers, you oceans and ponds,  
all tides and all marshes, coastland and dune;  
porpoise and dolphins, starfish and shark,  
sea urchins, sandpipers, cowrie and shrimp.  
You horses and lizards, you spiders and dogs,  
badger, mouse, hedgehog, owl and hawk,  
all beaver and heron, kit fox and crane,  
muskrats, bumblebees, turtle and bat.

You prophets and sages, you martyrs and mystics,  
saints of the cities, the hills and the towns;  
all babies and children, all women and men,  
all pilgrims and lovers, all seekers of truth.  
You singers and dancers, all potters and poets,  
let all creation sing God's praise,  
artist and writer, and dreamer of dreams;  
all color and light, all movement and sound,  
let all creation sing God's praise,  
all silence and waking, all feeling and thought.

### *Refrain*

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship I*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus

WLP 785

*Sing first in Spanish, then in English.*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

### *The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

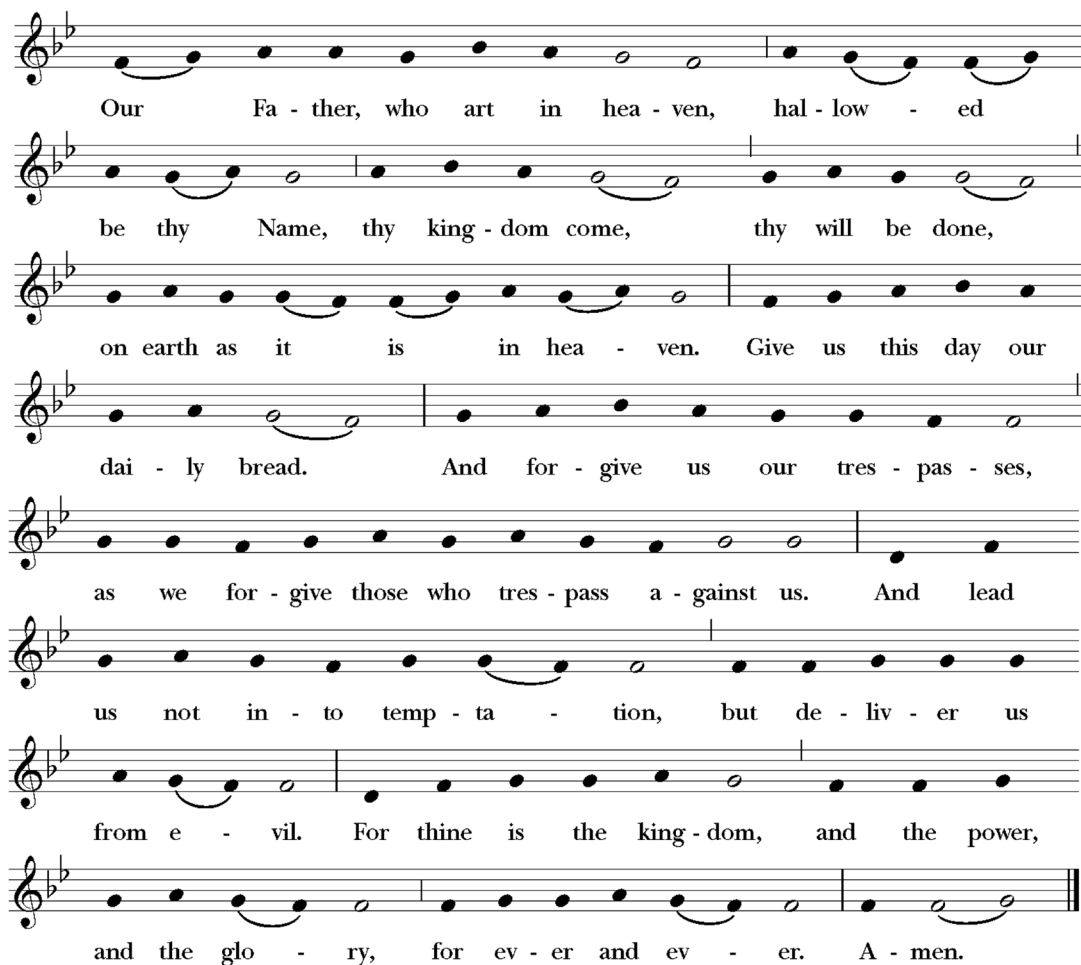
**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

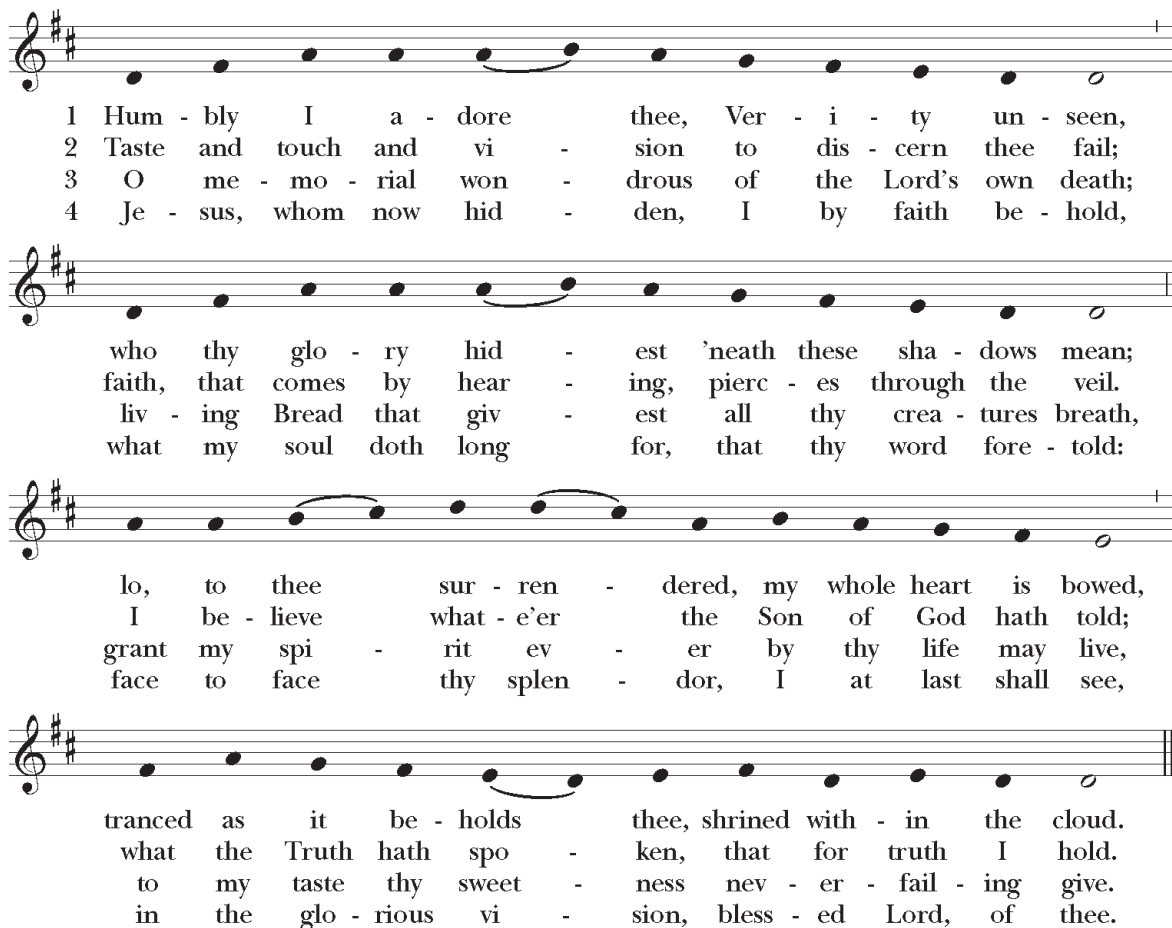
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.

## Communion Hymn 314

*“Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen”*



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*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 Episcopal Blessing

### Closing Hymn 680

*“O God our help in ages past”*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll-ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## **Dismissal**

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*O God our Help in Ages Past*

Charles Callahan







## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of our bishop, the Right Rev. Lucinda Ashby, as she makes her fourth in-person Visitation to St. Luke's, Los Gatos.

Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Grady Jeter to celebrate the birthday of Joanie Smith.

Flowers are also given to the glory of God by Carol Graham in celebration of Jim Graham's birthday.



## Servers—October 26, 2025

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| Assisting Priest        | The Rev. Ricardo Avila                   |
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| Lay Assistant           | Nicholas Hurley                          |
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| Lectors                 | Jennifer Hall Thornton &<br>Kelly Conway |
| Organist                | Laura Green                              |
| Singers                 | St. Luke's Choir                         |
| Live-streaming Director | Art Feather                              |
| Ushers                  | Ron Victor & John McDonald               |
| Altar Guild             | Carol Graham & Alice Marciel             |

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and our work in the wider community.*

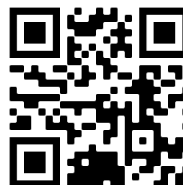
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