



# The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 23

October 13, 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*The people stand.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Priest and people* 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.

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Priest* Lord, have mercy.

*People* Christ, have mercy.

*Priest* Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*Priest and People* Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth

with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
**and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
**by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
**enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
**they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
**they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
**scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
**they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
**let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
**and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
**and there is none to help.**

Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
**like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

*he people stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with

persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Javier Ocampo

*The people stand.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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 truly human. 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. 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**

**Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **Greg** Kostka; **Jan** and **Ron** Hauber; **Alero** Nesiamia; **Jayda** and **Raheem** Gerad; **Doris** Chin; **Barbara** Harbison; **Tim** Fitzpatrick; **Jim** and **Enrique** Alstrum-Acevedo; **Kirk** Davies; **Mary** Waldron; **Marc** Sutherland; **Ray** Villescas; **TJ** Miller; **Aaron** and **Dawn** Wright; **Betty** Knight and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

*Extended Prayer List:* Angie Ricks, Jean Isaac, Judy Conroy, Matt and Jeanie Cross, James Parker, Lyn Pusey, JoAnna Grable, George Scott, Christine Keunen, Delita Rodriguez.

We pray for peace in the world and for the victims of war everywhere. We also pray for all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

We pray for all those affected by, suffering from, and killed by gun violence throughout our country.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Penelope Hammond Cudjoe in celebration of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, which fell on October 2, 2024. *The Lord is my Shepherd; Psalm 23.*

Today's altar flowers are also given by Bette J. Gould in loving memory of her husband, William A. Gould, on their wedding anniversary.

We give thanks for the recent birthdays of **Karyn** Anderson, **Sarah** Gomez, **Greg** Kostka, **Thomas** Hughes, **Yanira** Servano, **Nathalie** Scott, **Isa** Rincon Noble, **Anne** Brink, **Jerry** FitzPatrick, and **Patrick** Mitchell.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant:*

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 PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.



## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14)

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion and an offering is received to support Ascension's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. Text ASCENSIONMD + Amount to 73256 to give a donation using your text messaging Or scan the QR code*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People:*

**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 and 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Church of the Ascension. Please follow the directions of the Priest. In addition to using a communion kit or receiving bread only, you may now receive in both parts but with the caveat that intincting ("dipping") is not permitted; only receiving the wine by drinking from the cup.*



## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and for the offering of Christ's holy presence, the gift of spiritual communion, which feeds us when we must be apart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become One Body in the sacrament of Christ's Body. Transform our lives with your life, for the love we share becomes bread for the world. AMEN.

## BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and your loved ones, this day and always. Amen.

*The people are seated for the announcements.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For more information about activities and events coming up at Ascension, please refer to the bulletin insert. At the direction of the Celebrant, the people stand as able, and all sing the hymn.*

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

### *Service Participants:*

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo – *Rector*

The Rev. Rosa Briones – *Deacon*

Tracey Forfa – *Candidate for Holy Orders*

*The Ascension Tech Team*

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