

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



Aug 11, 2024

9:30 am

Sunday Proper 14

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II*There's a Wideness***Hymnal 470****Opening Hymn**

Welcome

Peace

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant: Lord, have Mercy*People:* **Christ, have mercy***Celebrant:* Lord, have Mercy*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you*People :* **And also with you.***Celebrant:* Let us pray**The Collect of the Day**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord*People:* **Thanks be to God****Psalm 130**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn

In Christ We Gather

Hymnal 557 (v1-2)

The Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Deacon Ted

The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of 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 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

[Please kneel or be seated]

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, please pray for ____ in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, _____, our partners in the diocese of Dominican Republic _____. In the parish cycle of prayer, _____, for this gathering; and for all strive to share the good news of Jesus Christ. 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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; Tom, our priest; Ted, our deacon; Terri, our candidate for the diaconate, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President, Joe Biden; our Governor, Jim Pillen; for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lord, we lift up those in our congregation, and those we know, who are ill; especially: _____ are there others? We also pray for those with special concerns; especially; _____ are there others? Lord, have compassion on those that suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember all those who have died [especially], _____ (are there others?) Give to all 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 those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those who are deployed: _____ are there others? Be with them and their families Lord, to give them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace. We ask that you watch over those who travel; especially; _____ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can. We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; _____; are there others? [*pause*] and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; _____ are there others?

The Reader adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Reader: Let us confess our sins and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, 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 hearts; 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 Celebrant continues:

For 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**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

All Who Hunger

WLP 761

Doxology

Spoken

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (C)

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Spoken

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 may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. **Amen.**

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught we are bold to say

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn

Spoken

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Going Forth Hymn

Spread, O Spread, Tho Mighty Word

Hymnal 530

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. .

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

Abby P
Brant B
Olivia H
Ed J
Todd P
Mike S
AJ P

Anniversaries:

Andrew & Katarina K



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Susan Hedin in Memory of Paul Hedin Jr.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Jean & Bob Cook in Thanksgiving of our sons birthdays and our 45th anniversary.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Aug 11	Aug 18
VPOD		Judy D	Kristi S
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3
Spirit Hub		Cindy P	Karen G
Altar Bread		Jen W	Jen W
LEMs	5:00 pm	Charlotte A	Kristi S
	8:00 am	Doug A	Ted P
	9:30 am	Michele H Vince C	Jan S Emily W
Recycle		Marcia A	Susan H
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Evelynn C Vincent C Mya H	Isaiah CH Olivia H MacKenzie C

This Week's Highlights

Sunday School Open House: This Sun (11 Aug) our Christian Ed and Journey's teams will hold an open house to show off the plans they have for the coming program year. Please stop by the classrooms and Spirit Hub to see what is being offered and to sign up youth for the coming program year.

Arrows to Aerospace Parade: Volunteers needed to help assemble our float next Fri (16 Aug) at 5pm and to join us for the parade on 17 Aug. The float will leave CHS on the 17th at 9:00am. We need volunteers to help pass out candy along the parade route and to sit on the float, smile and wave. Smiling faces of all ages are needed. Please let Barb Smith know if you are able to help.

Parish Picnic: This year's picnic will be held at the Everett Park Splash Pad (corner of Betz and Greensboro Ave) on Sun (18 Aug) beginning at 11:00am (shortly after the service). The Vestry is providing hamburgers and hot dogs along with water and lemonade. Please bring a side or dessert to share and don't forget a lawn chair as seating is limited.

Vocal Choir: Our choir is reforming and will hold their first meeting on Sun (18 Aug at 9:00am). We would really like to grow the choir this year. If you might be interested, please let Ali Clark or Grace Roby know.

Journeys: Parents with youth entering the 6th-12th grade are invited to a dinner for the start of our Journeys program year on Wed (21 Aug) at 6:30pm. Come meet the mentors and learn about this year's program. To help us plan our meal, please stop by the Spirit Hub and let us know if you are joining us.

Mobile Pantry: Our next pantry is scheduled for Sat (24 Sep). Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:30am. Distribution will take place between 10-11:30am.

EFM: The education for ministry program sponsored by CHS is starting after Labor Day. This is a small worship group and Christian education opportunity using curriculum from the University of the South, meetings are on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-8:15pm through May. See Father Tom or mentors Cindy Pekarek/Ruth Richter if you are interested.