

# ***Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit***

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



**August 14, 2022**

**9:30 am**

**Proper 15 Sunday**

**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****Opening Hymn***Morning has Broken***Hymnal 8**

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**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 Liturgy of the Word****The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord*People:* **Thanks be to God****Psalm 82**

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
 and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
 defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*  
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods,\*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,\*  
and fall like any prince."

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth,\*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

### The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message**

**The Nicene Creed**    *[Please stand]*

*Celebrant:* Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**Fr Tom**

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]*

*The reader and people pray responsively.*

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; Terri, our postulant 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, Pete Ricketts; 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 your 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  
Doxology**

*O For a Thousand Tongues*

**Hymnal 493  
Hymnal 380 (V3)**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving (B)**

*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*

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

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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 may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **Amen**

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

*The Celebrant continues*

### **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

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

*People:* There for 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**

*Glorious Things*

**Hymnal 522**

## 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:

AJ P

Beth B

#### Anniversaries:

Andrew & Katarina K

## This Week's Highlights

**Backpack Blessings:** We will have a special blessing for backpacks and book bags today to start the school year.

**Sunday School Open House:** Our SS Open house will take place following our 9:30 service this Sunday (14 Aug). Stop by the classrooms to meet our staff and check out what our youth will be doing this fall. Crafts will be offered for youth who wish to begin their SS fun.

**Journeys:** Registration is now underway for new and returning youth between the ages of 12-18 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). Journeys meets on Wed evenings (beginning Wed 31 Aug) between 6:30-8:15 pm. To sign up, visit the Spirit Hub. For more information about Journeys, please see Fr. Tom or any of our Journeys staff.

**Education for Ministry (EfM): Registration is Open!** EFM seminars help us focus on our journey with God as we share stories and learn from one another, deepening our understanding of the riches of the Christian tradition. Our diverse, inter-state, small on-line group meets starting after Labor Day through Memorial Day. The 4-year, accredited EfM program tuition is \$330, we have access to scholarship funds if needed. Meetings are via Zoom on Tuesdays, 6:15-8:15 p.m. For more information see [efm.sewanee.edu](http://efm.sewanee.edu) or contact co-mentors: Cindy Pekarek, [circlecnp@gmail.com](mailto:circlecnp@gmail.com), 402-670-0575 and Ruth Richter, [richterfamilyne@gmail.com](mailto:richterfamilyne@gmail.com), 402-880-7580.

**Parish Picnic:** Next Sunday (21 Aug) we will hold our annual parish picnic. This year we have reserved the pavilion next to the Everett Park Splash Pad between 11am and 5pm. Bring a lawn chair and a side or dessert to share. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided by the Church.

**Mobile Pantry:** Our next Mobile pantry event is rapidly approaching. On Sat (27 Aug) volunteers are asked to arrive at the church by 9:30am entering through the Thomas Dr parking lot entrance. We will finish up at 11:30am (or when the food runs out, whichever occurs first).

**Ministry Team Leader Meeting:** Team leaders, or their ministry representative, are invited to join Fr. Tom for a meeting on Sat (27 Aug) at 11:30am (following the Mobile Pantry). During this meeting we will look at our upcoming calendar events, discuss 2023 planning, and share with one another the challenges and goals ministries are focusing on in the short term. Snacks and beverages will be provided for what is expected to be a one-hour to 90 minute meeting.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Aug 14	Aug 21
VPOD		Kristi S	Ken G
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Bread		Leslie N	Ryan M
LEMs	5:00 pm	Charlotte A	Kristi S
	8:00 am	Ken G	Doug A
	9:30 am	Vince C Lex G	Michele H Jan S
Recycle		Marcia A	Lynda W
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Anika S Vincent C Evelynn C	Olivia H Alex W Tanner M



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Bill French in Thanksgiving for Kathleen French and our 46th Wedding Anniversary