Absolution

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

The Peace	All stand
Celebrant:	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People:	And also with you.

Announcements:

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: The Beatitudes Words: Matthew 5:3-12, Music: Richard Shephard

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

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.	
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People	
Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy	LEVAS 255
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 stand or kneel.

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,

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,	
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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	
Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover	LEVAS 268
Communion Music: Sometimes a Light Suprises	
Words: William Cowper, Music: LIGHT, melody fro	om The Christian Lyre
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The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory"	Blue Hymnal 594

The Dismissal Celebrant:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Postlude

August Reinhard

Thank you for joining us today!

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM + November 10th, 2024

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" Blue Hymnal 410

Celebrant:

People:

Celebrant: 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.

GLORIA: Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, vou alone are the Lord. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: People: Celebrant:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Variations on Lauda anima: Var 1 & 3 Christa Rakich

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

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

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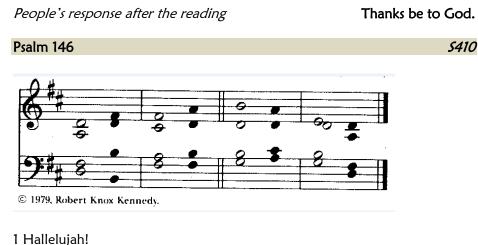
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

> The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

A Reading from the Book of 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.



Praise the Lord, O my soul! * I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the **blind**; * the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle**luiah!**

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

People's response after the reading	z
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Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Jesus came, adored by angels"

Blue Hymnal 454 (vv. 1-2 before Gospel; vv. 3-4 after Gospel)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44 People's response before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she

out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

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.

Let us pray for the needs of the world, calling to our loving God, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, you called the widow generous and spurned the gifts of those who gave to you only to be deemed holy by others. Give us hearts of generosity that seek ways to give to your church, your missionaries, your people in need, and in lavish delight to those most in need. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, give to our national and community leaders a desire to give generously of their time, their talents, their ideas, and their faith. Remind every person in authority that leadership requires a generous spirit but even more, a generous heart. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, give to those who are anxious this day a sense of your nearness, that they might feel your comfort. Ease our burdens and worries, give us peace and patience and a way forward. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, give to us a reverence for your creation and a keen desire to protect the natural world and to advocate for its preservation and sustenance. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, especially ... [Names from prayer list in insert]: Lord, bless those who are facing long term illness, loss of independence, diagnosis, and testing; give them a hope that, in you, all things are made new and no life is insignificant in your eyes. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, give to the dying your peace and comfort and bring them to abide with you in your heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, thank you for hearing our prayers. Use us in our turn to help fulfill the prayers and needs of others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

You have promised to hear and respond to us when we gather in your name; answer us with your loving kindness that our hopes maybe fulfilled. All this we ask through the One who showed us your love most perfectly, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. (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.

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— from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary

The Leader and People pray responsively

The People may add their own petitions.