

St. Edward's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 21 September 28, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Honoring God's creation and our commitment to the planet, this Sunday's liturgy and music includes some excerpts from "Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes."

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are.
St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - *The 1979 Book of Common Prayer* (red book), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book), and *LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II)* - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers.

PRELUDE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All items in bold are to be read aloud by the people.

PROCESSIONAL

All stand, if able.

Morning has broken

BLUE HYMNAL 8

Hymn requested by Jeannette Best-Nuñez

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider: † Blessed be the One who creates all things

People: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison/Christ has mercy/Ten misericordia

Ukrainian/Russian Orthodox

Ky - re - e e - lei - son. Ky - re - e e - lei - son.
Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.
Ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia. Ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia.

Ky - re - e e - lei - son.
Christ have mer - cy.
Ten mi - se - ri - cor dia, Se - ñor.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR CREATION

Holy God, you alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you: those that speak, and those that cannot speak. All things honor you: those that think, and those that cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, which all things have for you. All things that comprehend your plan pray to you and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

JEREMIAH 32:1-3a, 6-15

A Lesson from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Haname son of your uncle Shallum, is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin, Hanamel, came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord and I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

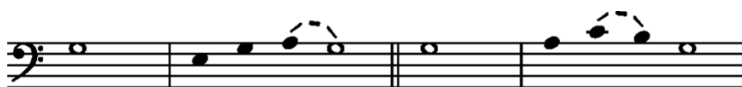
Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Canticle D: Song of the Wilderness (From *Enriching our Music*)

The Choir & Congregation chants the canticle together.



1. The wilderness and the dry land /shall be glad, *
the desert shall re-/joice and blossom;
2. It shall blos-/som abun-dantly, *
and rejoice / with joy and singing.
3. They shall see the glory / of the Lord, *
the majes-/ty of our God.
4. Strengthen the / weary hands, *
and make firm / the feeble knees.
5. Say to the anxious, "Be strong, / do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment / to save you."
6. Then shall the eyes of the / blind be opened, *
and the ears of the / deaf be unstopped.
7. Then shall the lame leap / like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speech-/less sing for joy.



8. For waters shall break forth / in the wilderness *
and / streams in the desert;
9. The burning sand / shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, / springs of water.
10. The ransomed of God shall re-/turn with singing, *
with everlasting joy / upon their heads.
11. Joy and gladness / shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing / shall flee away.

THE EPISTLE

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

A Lesson from the First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time~ he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesu, Jesu

BLUE HYMNAL 602

All stand, if able.

stanzas 3 & 4 will be sung after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 16:19-31

Presider: †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy on me,

and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house~ for I have five brothers~ that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Alyssa Sali

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand, if able.*

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Litanist: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence. God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. *Silence.* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. We give thanks especially for our siblings that celebrate their birthdays this week: Starla Evertt, Jennifer Khaleel, and Denise Robinson, and for the anniversary of Leroy & Gloria Moulton. *Silence (The congregation may add their own petitions).* Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially Allison, Juan, Mark, Mary, Bryce, Carole, Al & family, Kendra, Erielle,

Daniel, David & Grace, Austin, Kip, Sam R., Rick & Lois, Erika, Lisa, Wilton, Michelle, Julia & Rick, Ali, Sam B., Hanna, Ben, Russell, Carolyn, Samuel, Olive, Julie, Cindy, Rosemary, Delores, Jasmine, Sarah, Jan, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Blanding, and Lee, and we pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for all victims of violence and war in the world, especially children. (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Silence. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died especially, Mirna Esperanza Torres, aunt of Akira Gutierrez Renzulli. Silence (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

A PRAYER FOR HOLY LAND

All: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where you Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

Presider: Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY

Poor Man Lazarus

Parish Choir

Jester Hairston

PRESENTATION HYMN

How great thou art

LEVAS HYMNAL 60

All stand, if able.

Hymn requested by Sherry Kishitani & Salena Staub

THE SANCTUS

Santo, santo, santo

From Wonder, Love & Praise

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Be known to us, Lord Jesus

From Wonder, Love & Praise

Refrain

Be_ known to_ us Lord Je - sus in the break - ing_ of the bread.

Verse 1 (Cantor): The bread which we break, alleuia,
 is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain*

Verse 2 (Cantor): One body are we, alleuia,
 for though many, we share one bread. *Refrain*

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.

Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.

COMMUNION HYMNS From the following, as time permits.

O Christ, you are both light and day

Cliff Brock

Parish Choir

Requested by Joy Sibley

Fairest Lord Jesus

BLUE HYMNAL 383

Hymn requested by Cindy Moseley

THE BLESSING *Please stand if able.*

May the God who gives life to all things inspire you, setting your hopes not on the uncertainty of riches, but on God alone who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. May you take hold of the eternal life to which you were called by your savior Jesus, to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. May the Spirit fill you with strength to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. And the blessing of our kindhearted God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, fill you with abundance, now and for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Ye holy angels bright

BLUE HYMNAL 625

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Serving Today

Presider & Preacher - The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Verge - Leslie Nystrom
Crucifer - John Nystrom
Torches - Salena Staub & Choco Harmon
Eucharistic Ministers - Ted Ruchalski & Samantha Toomey
1st. Lesson - Cecilia Midzi
Psalm - Choir
2nd Lesson - Brelynn Whigham (prerecorded)
Intercessor - Gabriele Mayes
Flower Guild - Marvelle Martin
Altar Bread - Leslie Nystrom
Altar Guild - Erica Harris, Denise Robinson & Comfort Pratt
Ushers - Jennifer Khaleel, Bob Wahl, Ralph Parks, & Comfort Pratt
Sound & Video - Monie - Ted Ruchalski
St. Ed's Coloring Squad - Kathy Ruchalski
Healing Minister - John Nystrom
Pastoral Care - Elaine Bratton
Organ & Piano - Carla Strott
Flutes - Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
St. Edward's Parish Choir
VPOD- Jennifer Khaleel

Parish Personnel

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Rector
Alyssa Sali - Seminarian
Leslie Nystrom, Parish Administrator
Leslie Nystrom, Verger
Carla Strott, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Gustavo Romero, Director del Coro
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Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk of the Vestry



The flowers today are donated by Akira Gutierrez Renzulli in memory of her aunt who passed on this past Wednesday.

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