

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**October 6, 2024**

**9:30 am Sunday**

**Proper 22**

**Rite II**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

If you are a 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 if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless  
Fr. Tom

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## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Opening Hymn

*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Hymnal 495

Welcome  
Peace

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Old Testament: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

### The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father*

**Hymnal 559 (v 1&3)**

## The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Message

Fr. Tom

## The Nicene Creed

*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 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 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 (*Form VI*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_\_. For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For those in positions of authority, including our President, Joe Biden; our governor, Jim Pillen; and for the elected and appointed officials in our communities, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Scott, our own Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; for Ted and Terri, our Deacons; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray that you stay with and strengthen all those who are ill, especially, \_\_\_\_\_;

Are there others?

For those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially, those who are deployed, \_\_\_\_\_;

Are there others? We pray that you will stay with them and their families Lord, giving them comfort and hope until they are once again reunited in peace.

For those in our community who travel, that you watch over them and keep them safe, especially, \_\_\_\_\_;

are there others?

For all those with special concerns, especially, \_\_\_\_\_; are there others?

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; and we pray that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially, \_\_\_\_\_; are there others?

We pray also for those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, \_\_\_\_\_; are there others?

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially, \_\_\_\_\_: are there others? That they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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**

*O Love, How Deep*

**Hymnal 448**

**Doxology**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S129**

*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 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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 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 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,  
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 Hymn**

**Hymnal S155**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says 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.

### **Communion Hymn**

*One Bread, One Body*

**CHS Songbook 36**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

**Hymnal 450**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

<b>WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS</b>			
<b>Ministries</b>		<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>
VPOD		Cindy P	Kristi S
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		Acolytes	Cindy P/ Ali C
Altar Bread		Sue P	Sue P
LEM's	5:00 pm	Kathy B / Toby W	Kristi S
	8:00 am	Doug A	Dcn Terri
	9:30 am	Carol S Dcn Terri	Brian C Vincent C
Recycle		Jan S	Marcia A
Acolytes	C	Olivia H	Isaiah JH
	T	Kyper M	Evelynn C
9:30 am	T	Ailynn M	Mya H



The Nave Presence Candle by Joan Carter in Memory of my husband, James Carter.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given Nancy Baxter in Memory of my husband, Jerry Baxter.

**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 everliving 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 hone 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:**  
Frank Z  
Jennifer M

**Anniversaries:**



## This Week's Highlights

**2025 Giving:** Beginning this week, our 2025 Estimate of Giving Cards are available for pick-up at the Spirit Hub. Please stop by the Hub to pick yours up, or [click here](#) to visit our website to submit our online form and help save us a stamp. We ask that all 2025 estimates of giving be cards be returned by Sun (27 Oct).

**Pet Blessings:** Our annual service for the blessing of the animals will take place this Sun (6 Oct) beginning at 2:00 pm. We ask that all of our furry guests be either leashed or in a travel carrier for their safety. Weather permitting, the service will be held on the church lawn. Treats will be available for our guests and their human partners.

**Berry Patch:** Those who have pre-registered and do not get their wristband during coffee hour this Sun (6 Oct) are asked to meet Fr Tom at the front gate beginning at 6pm. We will head to the fire pit at 6:30 to enjoy roasting hot dogs, then a hayride thorough the haunted forest, and finally S'Mores over the campfire.

**Thanksgiving Boxes:** Beginning Sun (20 Oct) we will be taking donations to once again provide the Bellevue Food Pantry with Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes. The cost per box this year is \$45 (this includes a \$20 gift card for a protein) and will feed a family of four. Our goal this year is at least 40 boxes. Please help us by noting Thanksgiving Box in the memo line of your check. Donations received by Sun (4 Nov) will be used to purchase items that will then be packed and delivered the following Wed (6 Nov).

**Trunk or Treat:** Sign-up at the Spirit Hub beginning this weekend to let us know if you would like to join us for Trunk or Treat (Sun, 27 Oct, between 3-5pm). There are two sign-up sheets available. One if you wish to decorate your trunk and handout candy, the other for volunteers to help with games in the parish hall.