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# St. Raphael's

## Episcopal Church

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**August 7, 2022, 10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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*The musical prelude is a time to center down - to quiet mind, body and soul.  
We invite you to take a few moments to prepare for the worship ahead.*

### **Processional Hymn**

*In Christ there is no east or west  
Verses 1, 2 and 3*

*Hymnal 529*

*In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands, then people of the faith  
whate'er your race may be!  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christly souls are joined as one,  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

### **The Gathering of the People**

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The Celebrant prays aloud, the People pray in their hearts*

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.*

*All together in unison*

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.

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

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

*People* Amen.

## First Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!  
The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze  
on all who dwell on the earth.  
He fashions all the hearts of them  
and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.  
The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,  
on those who wait upon his love,  
To pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.  
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.  
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*  
*Verse 1*

*Hymn 711*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:32-40*

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Ask and it shall be given unto you*  
*Verse 2*

*Hymn 711*

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Jean Hite*

## 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.

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and Eternal God, your Holy Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning of creation. You formed the heavens and the earth in all their vast array. Form us in the likeness of your Son Jesus, that we may grow in the knowledge and love of you and follow where you lead

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Bring peace to this broken world, that we may learn to honor and respect one another.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Comfort the sick, the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, those who grieve and those who suffer. We hold up before you those who have asked for our prayers.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Embrace those who have died that they may be welcomed into your kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Bless the community of Ft. Myers Beach. Build it into the kingdom of God among us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Reconcile all races and peoples so that we may live together in the unity that you envision.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Give us the wisdom and the discipline to nurture and maintain this planet, our island home.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

*Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 heart; 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 Priest says*

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.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

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## Offertory Hymn

*Let us break bread together on our knees*  
*Verses 1 and 2*

*Hymnal 325*

*Let us break bread together on our knees;*  
*let us break bread together on our knees;*  
*when I fall on my knees,*  
*with my face to the rising sun,*  
*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;*  
*let us drink wine together on our knees;*  
*when I fall on my knees,*  
*with my face to the rising sun,*  
*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, page 369, Eucharistic Prayer 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.**

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

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*Celebrant* 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:

**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 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."

*Celebrant* Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Fraction hymn**

*There is a balm in Gilead,  
to make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God . . .

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*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.

## **Blessing**

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Verses 1, 3 and 5*

*Hymnal 636*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul though all hell endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.