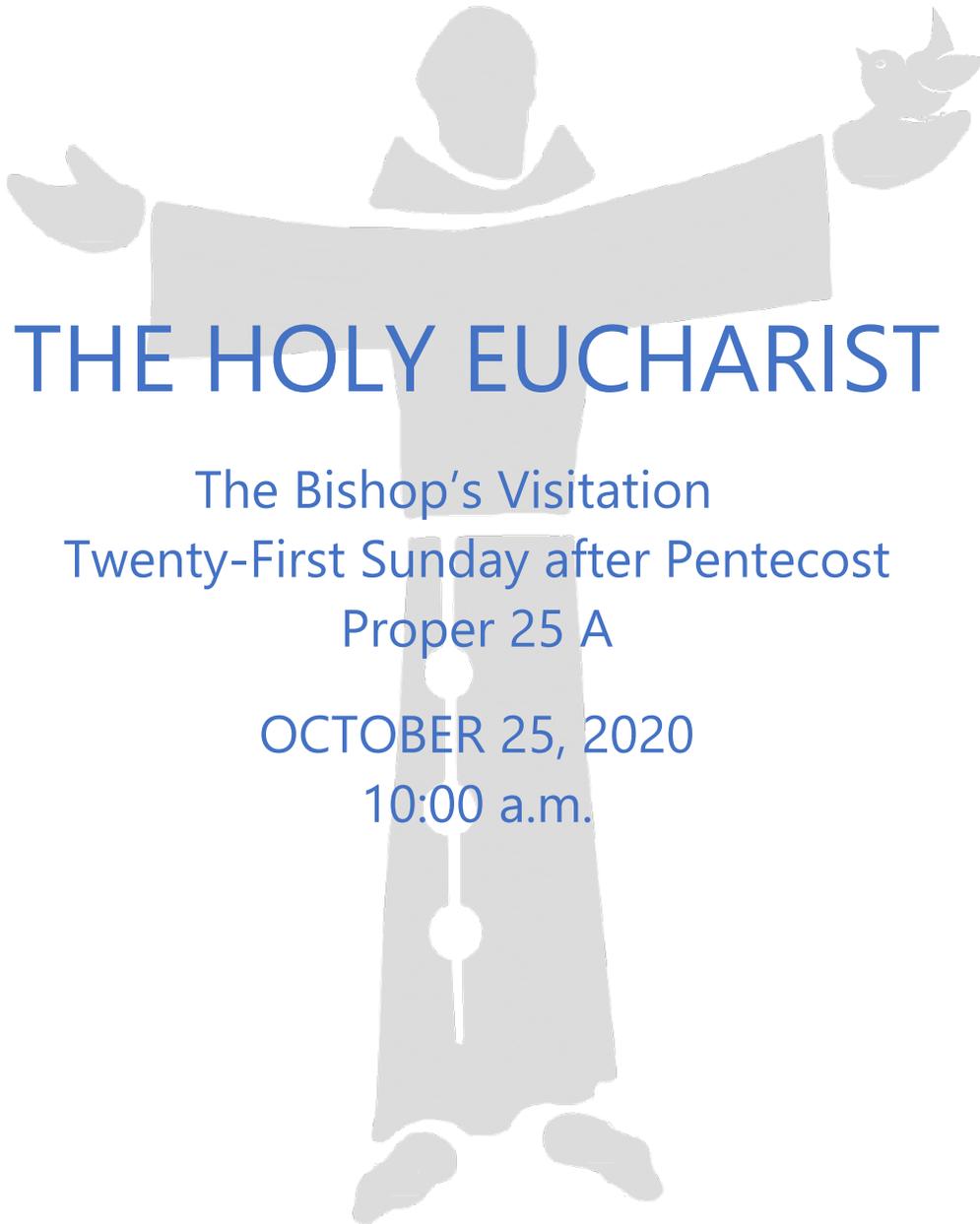


SAINT FRANCIS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Bishop's Visitation
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25 A

OCTOBER 25, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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~WELCOME~

To all members of the St. Francis community, visitors and guests near and far, welcome to St. Francis' Episcopal Church livestream-only service of the Holy Eucharist. Please join in saying the responses, and participating in the prayers fully, even while unable to be present in the church for a time. stfranciswillowglen.org.

Please Pray For:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales, The Most Rev. John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon; **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Episcopal Church in Almaden, San Jose (founded 11/1); St. Jude the Apostle, Cupertino (10/28); For the 40th Diocesan Convention, 11/7; **Our sister parish in the Cotswolds (UK):** St. Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Water, Diocese of Gloucester, Church of England; **Birthdays this week:** Ian Shepherd (25th), Sherrill Palmer (26th), Stephenie Cooper (30th); **Healing and other concerns:** Hugh Peacock, Wesley Gailey, Michael Burroughs, Dave Standley, Zachary Bowman, Meng Chin, Donna Jewett, John Homer, Davison Hogan, serving the church and people of Bogota, Columbia; the 8.3+ million in the US infected with COVID-19 and 41.5+ million worldwide; for those affected by the fires throughout the western states – for those fighting the fires on land and in the air; for those whose lives have been endangered by the recent hurricanes; for the unrest throughout our country over police brutality and racial injustice; for stability in a contentious political atmosphere; the unemployed and under-employed; the houseless; **Those who have died:** Sharee Davila (niece of Nick & Christy Davila), the 222,500+ victims in the US of COVID-19, and 1.1 million+ worldwide; **Village House Women's Shelter:** for the women for whom we provided shelter; give thanks for those who have acquired permanent housing; **Our Homebound:** Jane Paull

~MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY TODAY~

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes, Rector
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby, Bishop of El Camino Real
<i>Assisting</i>	The Rev. Stephenie Cooper, Deacon
<i>Chinese Gospeller</i>	The Rev. F. Jonathan Liu, Assisting Priest
<i>Organist</i>	Michael Burroughs, Dir of Music & Spiritual Life
<i>Lectors</i>	Joe Head, Yvonne Head, Jerry Lane

~WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICE SCHEDULE~

Holy Eucharist, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)
Evening Prayer (English), Sundays at 5:15 p.m. (YouTube)
Evening Prayer (Mandarin), Sundays at 5:45 p.m. (YouTube)
Evening Prayer (Mandarin), Monday – Saturday at 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. (YouTube)

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October 25, 2020

Freely giving our all to God

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind’

And ... ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” – MATTHEW 22:36-39

BY ROB TOWNES



There’s a saying that the chicken who lays an egg makes a contribution, but the chicken who makes a sandwich offers a sacrifice. One could say that Jesus was alluding to the latter when he responded to the question as to which was the greatest commandment, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all of who you are.”* He was

asking for more than a contribution; he was asking for the sacrifice of our all.

As the Latin root of the word suggests, a sacrifice — a *sacrum facere* — makes one holy. Giving generously of that of which you are a steward — your heart, soul, mind and all your possessions — is life giving. And it is countercultural. As the bumper sticker declares, “S/He who dies with the most toys wins.” That’s a powerfully seductive statement. Only with God’s help can we avoid being allured into thinking that it is in acquiring possessions that our life gains meaning. May we grow in the wisdom that a rich life results in trusting that it is in God we live and move and have our being.

This reflection is written while visiting Green Bough House of Prayer in Scott, Georgia. Here the three residents, with the company of 77 associates, have dedicated their lives, their all, to God and have taken on a Rule of Life to embrace silence, prayer, simplicity and living in the present moment, and accept all as coming from God. Do all for God. Offer all to God. This to me is a beautiful example of Faith-Filled Generosity.

Very few members of the Church dedicate themselves to full-time contemplative living, but all of us are invited to learn to live Jesus’ greatest commandment, trusting that in so doing, Faith-Filled Generosity will flourish in our lives.

As we move back into our church buildings, remembering only too well the COVID-19-caused absence of normalcy, may we re-enter with a renewed commitment to freely giving our all to God and faithfully loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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FAITH-FILLED

GENEROSITY

For reflection

- When you have a sense of living within Faith-Filled Generosity, what actions do you see emerging in your life?
- What helps you to live, and interferes with your living, a more fruitful life?

~ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~

Prelude

Resignation (My Shepherd will supply my need H664)

arr John Carter

Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

愿赞美归于上帝：圣父、圣子、圣灵。

People

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

愿赞美归于主的国，从现在直到永远。阿们。

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. 阿们。

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Presider

The Lord be with you. 愿主与你们同在。

People

And also with you. 愿主也与你同在。

Presider

Let us pray. 我们要祈祷。

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 阿们。

Collect for Elections

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 阿们

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Our Hebrew scripture lection recounts the death of Moses on the very edge of the promised land.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had

commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** 感谢上帝。

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

The psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life in the face of the Lord's wrath and asks the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time

**Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

In this reading Paul recalls his first visit to the Thessalonians, the troubles he endured, and the straightforward and gentle way in which he presented the gospel.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own

children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 感谢上帝。

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46/
In the gospel Jesus presents the double commandment of love for God and neighbor, and then asks a question concerning whose son the Christ is.

Deacon **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**
People Glory to you, Lord Christ. 愿荣耀归于主基督。

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

“法利赛人听见耶稣堵住了撒都该人的口，他们就聚集。内中有一个人是律法师，要试探耶稣，就问他说：「夫子，律法上的诫命，哪一条是最大的呢？」耶稣对他说：「你要尽心、尽性、尽意爱主——你的上帝。这是诫命中的第一，且是最大的。其次也相仿，就是要爱人如己。这两条诫命是律法和先知一切道理的总纲。」法利赛人聚集的时候，耶稣问他们说：「论到基督，你们的意见如何？他是谁的子孙呢？」他们回答说：「是大卫的子孙。」耶稣说：「这样，大卫被圣灵感动，怎么还称他为主，说：主对我主说：你坐在我的右边，等我把你仇敌放在你的脚下。大卫既称他为主，他怎么又是大卫的子孙呢？」他们没有一个人能回答一言。从那日以后，也没有人敢再问他什么。

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. 这是主的福音。
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 愿赞美归于主基督。

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

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. 阿们。**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Friends, the Lord has been our refuge from one generation to another. Let us pray to our God, saying, "Show your servants your works, O Lord, and be gracious to us."

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Give bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders gentle and loving hearts. Empower us to share the gospel and ourselves with those in need.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

We pray for all humankind. Prosper the work of our hands. May all those who work earn a fair wage. May those without work find strength and encouragement in your love. Give us hearts to respect the dignity of every human being.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

We pray for all creation. You brought forth the mountains. You gave birth to the land and the earth. Give us the desire and will to care for all you have made. We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this week: Ian Shepherd (25th), Sherrill Palmer (26th), Stephenie Cooper (30th) and those now named either silently or aloud _____.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

We pray for the areas in which we live. O God, we want to obey what you command. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

We pray for the afflicted and the suffering. And we pray for those who weep and mourn. Nurse them back to health as a mother tenderly nurses her children. We remember Hugh Peacock, Wesley Gailey, Dave Standley, Zachary Bowman, Meng Chin, Donna Jewett, John Homer, Davison Hogan, serving the church and people of Bogota, Columbia; those in the US and throughout the world infected with COVID-19; for those affected by the fires throughout the western states – for those fighting the fires on land and in the air; for those whose lives have been endangered by the recent hurricanes; for the unrest throughout our country over police brutality and racial injustice; for stability in a contentious political atmosphere; the unemployed and under employed; the houseless; and those now named either silently or aloud _____.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

We pray for those who have died especially Sharee Davila, the victims of COVID-19 and those we now name either silently or aloud. _____. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord be upon us.

silence

Show your servants your work, O Lord.

And be gracious to us. 我们要祈祷。

Presider Show your goodness, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Look past our selfish desires and remember your own faithfulness. In your great compassion consider our petitions and, in your mercy, do in our lives that which is truly good. We pray in the name of your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 阿们。

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God 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 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. 阿们。

Presider 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.** 阿们。

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. 愿主的平安常与你们同在。

People **And also with you.** 愿主的平安也常与你同在。

Welcome and Announcements - The Good News expressed in the Life of the Church

Everyone participating in worship at this time in any way is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Links to donate to St. Francis online are located on the livestream page. You may also mail your gift to the church. stfranciswillowglen.org/donate

~THE HOLY COMMUNION~

The Offertory

Music at the Offertory

Give Peace in Our Time, O Lord

Ethan McGrath

Give peace in our time, O Lord, because there is none other that fightest for us, but only thou. Give peace.
Book of Common Prayer, 1662

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I (*Enriching Our Worship*)

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so, we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Francis, Clare and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 阿们。

Deacon 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.** 阿们。

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come.

Music *Eventide* (Abide with me H662) arr William H. Monk

Let us pray.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to

understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. 阿们。

The Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord. 我们要赞美主。哈利路亚。哈利路亚。

People

Thanks be to God. 感谢上帝。哈利路亚。哈利路亚。

Postlude

Laudate Dominum

arr Robert Hobby

