THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th 2023 AT 10:30_{AM}



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6301 PARKMAN PLACE
CINCINNATI

If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us today! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about all of the wonderful offerings we have at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to also find out more about us on our website at allsaintscincinnati.org

ARTIST'S NOTE

This week, our liturgy, scriptures, and music revolve around themes of living in charity and creating a mindset of abundance where all have exactly what they need. We're invited to ponder how we ought to live and serve generously and to recognize the marginalized communities in our midst that do not yet have all that they need. How can we learn to find the abundance of God's care when we don't feel like we have everything we need? How do we treat our neighbors so that they experience God's abundance as well?

Today we lift up the work of Transform Cincinnati, a local organization that serves the community of trans and non-binary youth in Cincinnati. Their work with the LGBTQ+ community has provided substantial resources to youth throughout Cincinnati. We honor their work through our liturgy, music, and prayer here this morning.

This morning's anthem, "Meet Me Here" comes from the passion oratorio, *Considering Matthew Shepard* by Craig Hella Johnson. We book-end this service with the call from this song along with fragments of J.S. Bach's Prelude 1 in C major from his *Well-Tempered Klavier* of which book-ends *Considering Matthew Shephard*. First, we hear "Meet Me Here" as an opening call to open our minds and our hearts to worship. Meet me here in this space today, lay down your burdens, whatever ails you from this past week, come and follow me. We end the service with this call as a call to action. A call to lay down our burdens and follow us on the journey to brave through "just enough" into the abundance of the love of God.

Considering Matthew Shepherd was written as an evocative and compassionate musical response to the murder of Matthew Shepard. On October 6, 1998, a loving soul, gay man, and University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, was kidnapped, brutally beaten, and left to die tied to a barbed wire fence in a rural Wyoming field. His murder is seen as one of America's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes. Though Matthew Shepard's murder was almost 25 years ago,

today we lift our voices in solidarity knowing that there is still much work to be done for the LGBTQ+ community to have their "just enough" to share in the abundance of God. We are called by this text to lay down our burdens and carry the love of Christ in our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our hearts.

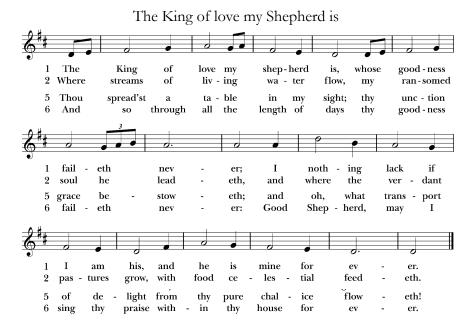
What burdens do you have to let down in order to live in the abundance of God? To walk in a way that shares God's love? To live life in service to others so they may too share in the table prepared for them? "Will you lay down your burdens, lay it down, come with me? It will never be forgotten, held in love so tenderly."

- Rev. Meredith Day Hearn & Ethan Neal



Kelly Latimore's portrait of Matthew Shepherd. Image: Kelly Latimore

OPENING HYMN



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

Choir: Gathered in God's name round the table of grace. Gathered as one family in the name of love.

Everyone



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your

complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Pray responsively by whole verse

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
 because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws.
 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God**.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H 178, v 1 Descant $\Lambda 1$ le lu ia, al le Refrain **d** Al le lu ia, al - le lu - ia! Give thanks to the lu ia, le al lu ia! Al - le ris - en Lord. ia, Give al - le lu 1-4 Final Ending Praise his to Name. Name. Praise his Name. Name. to 1 Jс Lord of all the carth. - sus Repeat Refrain King He the cre tion.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. *People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn & Tristan Vaught (they/them),

Co-Founder of Transform Cincy

THE NICENE CREED

the Father, the Almighty,

We believe in one God.

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

Celebrant: Generous and loving God, your providence surrounds us with all things necessary for our common life: Grant to your people such fulfillment in our life and work, that we may reach out in service and compassion toward others, as we pray for the needs of the world, saying: We search for you and your strength; we continually seek your face.

Litanist: Bless your Church and her members as we labor in your vineyard, O Gracious One, that we may be fruitful, living our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel and faithful in your loving presence. We search for you and your strength; *we continually seek your face.*

Inspire our nation with honorable industry and a just economy, that every person may find meaningful work and a proper return for their labor. We search for you and your strength; *we continually seek your face.*

Give the bread from heaven to all who yearn and the bread from earth to all in need, that every person on your earth may have all things necessary for their wholeness and health, and that our planet may be whole and healthy. We search for you and your strength; we continually seek your face.

Inspire this community that all may live together in a worthy manner, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side for goodness. We search for you and your strength; *we continually seek your face.*

God of compassion, hear the complaints of all who suffer and give your generous attention to those for whom we offer our prayer in intercession, especially ____.

Hear our gladness and joy as we offer our thanksgivings, especially for ____.

Embrace with your eternal life those who have died, especially ____.

We search for you and your strength; we continually seek your face.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the people of La Iglesia Episcopal del Espíritu Santo, Forest Park, Chaplains to clergy spouses & partners, and Deacons. We pray especially for our ongoing discernment and preparation for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

Celebrant: You call your children at every hour into your divine work of reconciliation, O Holy One: Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be fruitful servants throughout our time in your vineyard, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Craig Hella Johnson

Meet Me Here from *Considering Matthew Shepherd*Morgan Small, soloist

Meet me here Won't you meet me here Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins There's a balm in the silence Like an understanding air Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins

We've been walking through the darkness On this long, hard climb Carried ancestral sorrow For too long a time Will you lay down your burden Lay it down, come with me It will never be forgotten Held in love, so tenderly

Meet me here Won't you meet me here Where the old fence ends and the horizon begins There's a joy in the singing Like an understanding air Where the fence ends and the horizon begins.

Then we'll come to the mountain We'll go bounding to see That great circle of dancing And we'll dance endlessly And we'll dance with the all the children Who've been lost along the way We will welcome each other Coming home, this glorious day We are home in the mountain And we'll gently understand

That we've been friends forever That we've never been alone We'll sing on through any darkness And our Song will be our sight We can learn to offer praise again Coming home to the light . . .

AT THE PRESENTATION

H 199, v 1



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: St. Kevin, Arthur Seymour Sullivan [1842-1900).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

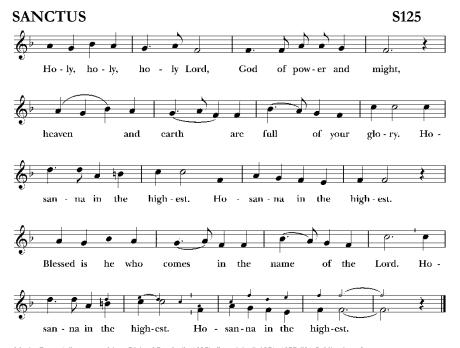
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



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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:

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, & 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, 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.

FRACTION HYMN



Celebrant: 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.

A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest.

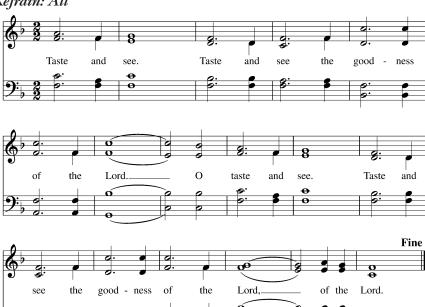
If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

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Taste and See

Verses: Cantor Refrain: All



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

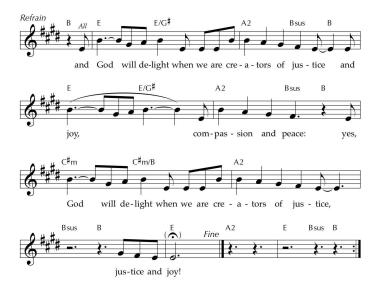
Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those we make the journey with. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

HYMN AT THE CLOSE

For Everyone Born





THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

Serving Today 9/24

Celebrant: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Preacher: Tristan Vaught

Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir **Readers:** Christina Albert and Jackson Hearn

Server: Kate Butler Usher: Tom Carter Altar Guild: Helen Prather

Communion Bread: Mary Taflinger

Coffee Hour: John and Bonnie Spain and Kathy Doane

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEP. 24TH

Sunday Morning Christian Formation Class Today!

What is the Gospel? That will be the topic of our first discussion in All Saints' new monthly "Christian Foundations" series, in which we will explore the hard questions about Christian belief by discussing Scripture and reflecting on Anglican spirituality. Our discerner in ministry, Austin Hattori, will help guide an engaging conversation about the Gospel after the Sunday service on September 24th at 11:45am in the vestry room. Some Bibles will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Other fall dates in this series will October 22nd, November 26th, and December 17th. Childcare will be provided on September 24th and for the other fall dates if it proves useful to offer.

Rhythm in the Ridge Benefit Concert for Transform Cincy

Join us on Sunday, October 1st in the Parish Hall at All Saints for our first ever Rhythm in the Ridge Benefit Concert for Transform Cincy. Transform is an amazing program that provides clothing for trans and gender nonconforming youth, as well as ongoing support groups and programming for youth and their families. JazzHappens will be there playing covers of your favorite jazz, swing, pop, broadway and blues tunes. Tickets are available for a \$10 suggested donation online and at the door. Bring your friends and your boogie shoes!

Save the Date: Community Dinner on 10/12 at 6pm

For many years, All Saints served our community with a free meal for the neighborhood once a month. In conjunction with Community Happens Here, we are exploring starting this ministry again on a quarterly basis. We will have our first dinner on Oct. 12th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. At 6:30pm, childcare will be available downstairs after the children eat so that parents can enjoy conversation with one another. Our program will conclude at 7:30pm.

Welcome All Saints Choir!

We are thrilled to welcome back the All Saints Choir as we start this program year! We also welcome the Choral Scholars to the All Saints community as a part of our Music Ministry. If you are interested in

joining the choir, please reach out to Ethan! The choir rehearses Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the church.

Coffee Hour Help

We are in need of support for our Coffee Hour hospitality this fall. Please sign up on the parish's Sign Up genius page or email Meredith+ to get involved!

Ways to Give

All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash or checks in the offering plate. You can donate via text by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give by credit card by scanning the QR code below.



Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Gary Slater, Jean McOsker and the McOsker family, L.B., Marek Wojtasinski, Danny Brown, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Rafael de Acha, Tim Slater, Devon Fults, Dory Sellers, Morgan Anderson, Phoebe Macaulay, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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