

# ***Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit***

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



**November 28, 2021  
10:00 am  
First Sunday of Advent  
Rite II**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

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

God Bless  
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## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Opening Hymn

*People Look East*

WLP 724

Welcome

Peace

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

*People:* **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

#### Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

### **Sequence Hymn**

*What Wondrous Love*

**Bell Choir**

### **The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Message**

**Nicole Cloudt**

### **The Nicene Creed** *[Please stand]*

*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 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.

## Prayers of the People

*[Please kneel or be seated]*

*The reader and people pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to your, Lord God.

*A moment of Silence*

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_\_ in the DR for \_\_\_\_\_ . In the Parish Cycle of pray \_\_\_\_\_.

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, Pete Ricketts, the elected and appointed officials in our community, 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 Bishop; for Tom, our Priest; 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; \_\_\_\_\_; 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 for \_\_\_\_\_] 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:*

For 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**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Hymnal 616**

**Doxology**

**Hymnal 380 v3**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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 unto our Lord 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 sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

**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**

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.

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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] 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 forever. **Amen**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Fraction Hymn

Hymnal S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant offers 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

*My God, Thy Table now is Spread*

Hymnal 321

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**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

*There's a Wideness*

Hymnal 470

## The Dismissal

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

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

### 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 ever living 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 honor 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:**

Donna B  
Mary B  
Jessica L

#### **Anniversaries:**



The Nave Presence Candle is given by Fr Tom and Sharon Jones in Thanksgiving for our birthdays and anniversary this month.

The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Nancy Beitenman in Thanksgiving for the birth of granddaughter, Hallie Johnson and in Memory of my mother, Hallie Reis.

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Nov 28	Dec 5
VPOD		Margie C	Leslie N
Hospitality		Team 1	Team 2
Altar Guild:		Team 4	Team 1
Altar Bread:		Leslie N	Terri S
LEM:s:	5:00 pm	Kristi S	Alberta Y
	8:00 am	Doug A	Rick S
	10:00 am	Lori E Jan S	Ken G Lex C
Recycle		Jan S	Marcia A
Acolytes	C T T	Emily W Vincent C Evelynn C	Anika S Kyper M Ailynn M

### This Week's Highlights

**Holy Land 2022:** We have extended the registration window for our May 2022 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We have a few spaces left for anyone who is still considering joining us on our journey. Information fliers can be picked up at the Spirit Hub.

**Hands of Hope:** Our annual ingathering for Bellevue Together begins this weekend. Please see Margie Crawford (formerly Guy) to pick up a youth gift request card.

**Advent Prayers for Home:** Stop by the Spirit Hub and pick up this year's prayer card for home use. Advent starts next Sunday (26 Nov)

**Ordination:** Our previous intern, Roy Phillips, will be ordained to the diaconate at All Saints Episcopal Church on Thursday (2 Dec) beginning at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

**Holiday Fair & Bake Sale:** Our annual event is only a week away (Sat., 4 Dec) and we need your help. If you are able to bake something for the bake sale, have a hour or two you can offer to help us, or wish to donate unneeded Christmas decorations, please contact Karen Gray.

**Ministry Grants:** Just a reminder that 2022 endowment fund grant requests must be submitted by c.o.b. Wed (15 Dec). Grant request forms and requirements are available at the Spirit Hub.

**Christmas Pageant:** Cindy Pekarek is organizing this year's pageant (on Sun., 19 Dec) and needs some additional helpers who can help getting our youth fitted and ready. If you can help, please contact Cindy or the church office.

**Altar Bread & Presence Candles:** Sign-up sheets for 2022 Altar Bread baking and Presence Candles are now in the white book at Spirit Hub. Please remember to fill out the blue card in the front of the book for your presence candle.

**2022 Liturgical Calendars:** 2022 calendars are now available at the Spirit Hub. Requested donation \$2 each.

**2022 Pledge Cards:** If you have not yet returned your 2022 pledge card, please visit our website at <https://www.chsepisopal.org/online-pledge-form>, click on the button in the upper right hand corner and let us know your 2022 estimate of giving.

**DOK Book Study:** The DOK sponsored Zoom book study is underway. The plan is to discuss 4 chapters of Rabbi Jason Sobel's book "*Mysteries of the Messiah*" each month. Chapters 5-8 will be discussed on 2 Dec and the remaining chapters on 6 Jan. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84047990666?pwd=aERta0p2bHZ0cmJKQ25qYk9xYmd1QT09>. If needed, the Meeting ID is 840 4799 0666, and the Passcode is 583913.