

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Holy Eucharist 9:30^{AM}



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AN INVITATION TO THIS SERVICE

This service is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.** All are welcome at Christ's table. We welcome baptized

Christians of any tradition to share in the bread and wine. If you have not yet been baptized, or would prefer to receive a blessing from the Priest, indicate this by crossing your arms over your heart.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

OPENING HYMN LEVAS #143

“Wade in the water”

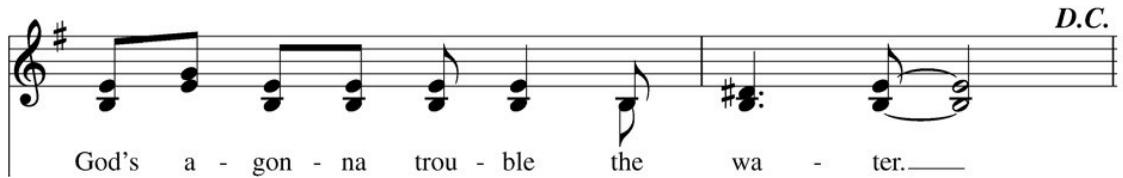
Wade___ in the wa - ter,___ wade___ in the wa-ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade___ in the wa - ter,___ God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.---

1. See___ that___ host all dressed in___ white,___
2. See___ that___ band all dressed in___ red,___
3. Look___ o - ver yon-der, what do I see?___ God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,___

1. The lead - er___ looks like the Is - ra - elite,___
2. Looks like___ the___ band that___ Mo - ses led,___
wa - ter.--- 3. The Ho - ly___ Ghost a - com - ing on___ me,___
4. Just fol - low me down to___ Jor - dan's stream,___



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

✠ *Please be seated for The Lessons.*

THE FIRST READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS: 2:1-2, 6-14

Read by: Jim Dirlam

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it

up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 77: 1-2, 11-20

Led by: Jim Dirlam

**1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.
2 In the day of my trouble *
I sought the Lord;
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; *
I refused to be comforted.
11 I will remember your works, O Lord, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw you, O God;**

the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
18 the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron

THE SECOND READING FROM THE BOOK OF: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

Read by: Jim Dirlam

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *Please stand as you are able and join in singing:*

SEQUENCE HYMN MHSO #20

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! ___

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

✠ *Please be seated for:*

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND MARY B GREGORIUS

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidate is presented by his Parents & Godparents, as follows:

Parents & Godparents: I present Logan Vietz to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following of the parents & godparents who speak on behalf of the child

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

People: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

People: I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation:

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Logan Vietz who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The Celebrant leads the following petitions:

Celebrant: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Celebrant: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Celebrant: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: Lord, hear our prayer
 Celebrant: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Celebrant: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Celebrant: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: Lord, hear our prayer.
 Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: Logan Vietz, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and says:

Logan Vietz, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

✠ *Please greet one another with:*

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us; an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #120

“There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place”

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, Now you're

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are
2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, And I
2. one to pro - fit when you say, "I am
3. make it right if you will yield; You'll en -

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings_____ we lift our hearts in
praise; With - out a doubt we'll know_____ that we have
been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 2. There are
3. If you place.

DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

In this prayer, the lines in bold are spoken by the People.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Celebrant Continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS & BENEADICTUS HYMNAL #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 3/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final fermata on the last note.

Celebrant Continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Susan** Matsen, **Tom** Acheson, **Frederic**, **Peter**, **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi**, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Howard** Flemming, **Ellie** Ruvo, **Rosemary** Recine, **Robert** Lynch, and **Joe** Smith.

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **Jim**, **Marge**, **Deanna** Ammirato, and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those for whom our prayers are asked, especially: **Andrew** Tom, **Rebecca**, **Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald**, **Marilyn** Griffin, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene**, **Jason**, **Peter**, **Hannelore**, **Marina** Brandt, **Carol** White, **Steven** Schubert, and **Jeff**.

✠ *Please join in singing:*

THE COMMUNION HYMN #297

“Descend O Spirit”



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and ever living 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

✧ Please join in singing:

THE CLOSING HYMN #141

“Shall we gather at the river”



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray; ___
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; ___



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

AUGUST 8-12 ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ;
Welcome back to Pleasantville EVBS! Save the dates!
EVBS will be held at Holy Innocents Church.
Discovery on Adventure Island—a Quest for God’s Great
Light! Visit pvillevbs.org for more information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CAMPERSHIPS: At A-HOME there are several single working single parents for whom summer camp is a necessity so that their children are engaged in meaningful activity and they can go to work every day. With budgets already stretched by our current rate of inflation summer camp costs are a great challenge. Therefore, any assistance you could offer would so very much be appreciated by these families. If you are able to help please note “Summer Camp” on your contribution. A-HOME pays the camps directly.

THRIFT SHOP: The thrift shop IS OPEN—Saturdays from 10:00-2:00. Volunteers needed please sign up using the Sign Up Genius. [Follow this link](#). Helping out in the Thrift Shop is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners and express creativity!.

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM Please consider beginning your day in prayer together. ZOOM link in TW@SJ or [click here](#). Meeting ID 847 0590 3160

NO THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: We are on summer break!

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