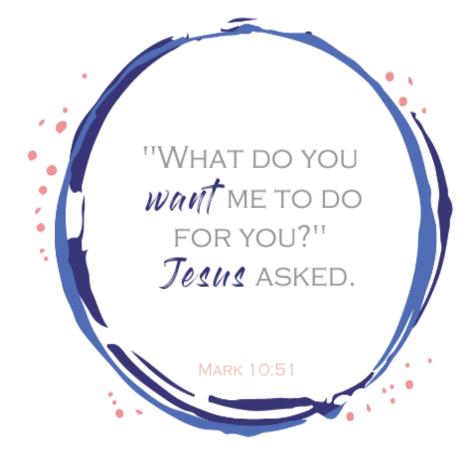
# **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**



# 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist

# Sunday, October 27th, 2024

"Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation"

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, let us pray the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

**Sentence:** Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:10

#### Hymns can be found in "The Celebration Hymnal" in the pews. Please stand.

#### Hymn #347 - And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me? Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Welcome – Reverend Oz Lorentzen

**Rev. Oz:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

#### Hymn #384 - Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

#### Chorus

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

#### Please be seated.

Moment of silence to collect our hearts and minds in prayer.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Rev. Oz: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## People: Amen.

# CHILDREN'S TALK

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

# THE READINGS

## First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah <sup>7</sup> For this is what the Lord says: "Sing aloud with joy for Jacob, And be joyful with the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Lord, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!' <sup>8</sup> Behold, I am bringing them from the north country, And I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth, Among them those who are blind and those who limp, The pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; They will return here as a great assembly. <sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping, And by pleading I will bring them; I will lead them by streams of waters, On a straight path on which they will not stumble; For I am a father to Israel. And Ephraim is My firstborn." Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 126 – When Zion's Captive Ones Returned

When Zion's captive ones Had, by the LORD, returned – How like a dream! Our mouth was filled with joy, With laughter and delight; Our tongue then overflowed With shouts of joy.

In Gentile lands they said, "Great things the LORD has done, Great things for them!" How the LORD made us glad! Great things He's done for us! Bring back our exiles, LORD, Like desert streams.

Those who now sow in tears Will reap at harvest time, And shout for joy. That one who sows with tears Bearing his bag of seed, Will come with shouts of joy, Bringing his sheaves.

#### Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

**Reader:** A reading from Hebrews

<sup>23</sup> The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing; <sup>24</sup> Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save forever those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who has no daily need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because He did this once for all

*time* when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

#### People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

#### Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Reader: The Lord be with you.

#### People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

## People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>46</sup> Then they \*came to Jericho. And *later*, as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a beggar who was blind named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they \*called the man who was blind, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And replying to him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the man who was blind said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." And immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road. Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

# THE SERMON – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

After the sermon, silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Please stand. THE NICENE CREED **Leader:** Let us confess our faith, as we say, People: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Please kneel or sit to pray. THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leader: Lord, in your mercy, All: hear our prayer.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Invitation to Confession

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

Rev. Oz: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Rev. Oz: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### THE PEACE

**Rev. Oz:** The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.** 

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

# Offertory

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer. There is no more for Heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated! Jesus now, and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free!" Yet not I but through Christ in me. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: "Yet not I, but through Christ in me!" Jonny Robinson | Michael Farren | Rich Thompson

# PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Oz: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Oz: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rev. Oz: Lift up your hearts.

#### People: We lift them to the Lord.

**Rev. Oz:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Rev. Oz: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. People: 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.

Rev. Oz: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command, All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

**Rev. Oz:** and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new. and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) Rev. Oz: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Rev. Oz:** "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

## THE COMMUNION

**Rev. Oz:** The gifts of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

If you would like prayer during this time, the Prayer Ministry is available by the font.

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. <u>Communion is an important part of our worship. Please</u> use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus' gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

# Organ – Bas Ouwehand

Please stand and sing. Post Communion Song Before The Throne of God Above Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free, For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable "I Am", The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased with His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Saviour and my God, With Christ, my Saviour and my God. I bow before the cross of Christ, And marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sacrificed To make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depths I cannot know, But I can glory in its flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, And poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love. Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook

#### Please stand.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Oz: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Amen.

Rev. Oz: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty; Hold me with your powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore, Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, Where the healing waters flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Ever be my strength and shield, Ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you. William Williams | John Hughes

#### DISMISSAL

Leader: God has reconciled us to Himself. People: Let us go forth as ministers of His reconciliation. Alleluia.

## Prayers of the People – October 27th, 2024

James wrote, "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." (James 5:16b) This week we pray especially for:

# OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary
The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada
The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands
The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

# In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Scottish Episcopal Church

## In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

St. Aidan, Pekisko; St. Benedict, High River; St. Thomas, Dinton with Lay Ministers

# In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm; St. Michael, Canouan, Mustique; and St. Matthias, Union Island with The Venerable Everton Weekes and The Reverend Frank Garraway (Asst.)

# In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon

# In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon

# OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark Councillor Allison Knodel Medicine Hat

# OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship Persecuted Christians everywhere

# **OUR CITY CHURCHES**

St. Barnabas Anglican with Oz Lorentzen and John Willems

# **OUR PARISH**

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec
The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family
Sai & Darcee Wong; Billy Yasinchuk; and Twyla Yasinchuk; and their families
Parish Council Members
Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia
The GriefShare Program
The Saturday Meal Program
The SMART Program
The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry
Medicine Hat College Nursing Students - Senior Home Visits

# OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Jim; Sherry; Deanna; Betty Ann; Sharon T.; Tobin; Lorna; Scott; Kevin; Wade; Helen; Harvey; Arleen; Becca; Chase; Alicia; and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at (403) 526-7713.

