



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

November 12, 2017

8:00 and 10:00 AM

The Ministers of the Liturgy

Altar Guild	Becky Kreke, Lesley Frazar, Joann Florek
Linens	Debbie Randzio
Flower Guild	Donna Tatlock-Calkins
Food Delivery Team	Irene Ring
Counters	Sue Cole, Gene Giacometti

8:00 am

Eucharistic Minister	Kathy DeJean
Lector	Kathy DeJean
Psalmist	Shirley Page
Usher	Debbie Bruno

10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers	Howard Carney, Sue Cole
Lectors	Howard Carney, Hailey Beman
Acolyte	Hailey Beman, Connor & Logan Gendron
Ushers	Tony Gendron, Mark Mueller

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The Word Of God

Voluntary

Passacaglia in D Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymnal 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

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

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest and People offer the Collect of 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.

at 8 am Kyrie

BCP, p. 356

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

At 10 am Kyrie

The Hymnal, S96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A prayer for Veterans Day

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

At 8 am

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
 O LORD, make haste to help me.

- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
 and altogether dismayed; *
 let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
 draw back and be disgraced.

- 3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, *
 because they are ashamed.

- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
 let those who love your salvation say for ever,
 “Great is the LORD!”

- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
 come to me speedily, O God.

- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
 O LORD, do not tarry.

Psalm 70 at 10 am *The people sing the verses in bold type.*



1. Be pleased, O | God, [˘]to [˘]de - | liver me; *
O | Lord, make | haste to | help me.
- 2. Let those who seek my life be ashamed...**
and alto - | [˘]gether dis - | mayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw | back and | be dis - | graced.
3. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me | [˘]turn | [˘]back, *
be - | cause they | are a - | shamed.
- 4. Let all who seek you re - | [˘]joice and be | glad in you; ***
let those who love your salvation say for ever, | [˘]“Great | is the | Lord!”
5. But as for me, I am | poor and | needy; *
come to me | speedi - | ly, O | God.
- 6. You are my helper and | my de - | liverer; ***
O | [˘]Lord, | do not | tarry.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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.

Deacon

Creator, Spirit, Word, you freely give to us of your abundant love. We are the recipients of your compassion and infinite mercy. Grant that we may open our hearts to share from our abundance as you have shown us.

Intercessors

Let us pray that we are one voice, one heart with all those who profess to follow Jesus and that together we will be moved to share from that which God has given to us to sustain our common ministries. For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for this great nation of ours, for all our leaders, that there be a recognition of how blessed we are and a corresponding outpouring of mercy, love, and compassion, that others may share from our abundance.

For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for this world that our God has created that we all may be more attentive to the hurts and needs of others throughout God's creation, that we may fully understand that our gifts are given to endow others.

For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for the communities in which we live, for the needs of our neighbors, for the businesses that employ us, for the schools and the university that educate us, for the people we see and recognize, and for those whom we have yet to come to know.

For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for those amongst us who go through their days feeling unrecognized, for those who do not know how to ask and deeply need to receive of our love, and for all those who need God's grace. For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for the intentions and the people that each of us hold in our hearts.

(Silence during which the congregation is invited to offer specific names)

For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Let us pray for all those who have died, especially Richard & Doris Tierney for whom the altar memorials have been given and Mary Heilner, Marion Amy McGilpin and Russell W. McGilpin for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. Let us honor their memories and be grateful for the ways in which they so generously gave of their gifts during their lifetimes.

For this we pray:

Open our hearts, O God.

Celebrant

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence and grant that remembering the account that we must one day give, we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

BCP, p. 360

Minister and people

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.

Celebrant

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.**

The People stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

An offering of money is received (during the anthem at 10 am). Then the people stand to sing the hymn while the gifts of money, wine and food are offered.

<p>At 10 am Anthem</p> <p><i>Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, The time is drawing nigh.</i></p> <p><i>Children don't get weary, Children don't get weary,</i></p>	<p><i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i></p>	<p>Traditional Spiritual</p> <p><i>Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.</i></p> <p><i>Christian journey soon be over. Christian journey soon be over. Christian journey soon be over. The time is drawing nigh.</i></p>
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Music: Arr. André Thomas

Hymnal 393

Praise our great and gracious Lord

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>People</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>People</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>People</p>	<p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p>And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	<p><i>BCP, p. 367</i></p>
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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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Celebrant and People

At 8 am

**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.**

At 10 am

The Hymnal, S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

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 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

At 8 am

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At 10 am

The 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.

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.

All are welcome to receive the presence of God in the Bread and Wine at our Altar. Standing or kneeling is appropriate at the Altar rail. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. To receive the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice, or dip the edge of your wafer into the wine. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please signal us by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and chalice are available; please let us know if you require that. If you are unable to come to the Altar please inform an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. If you want to learn more about the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, please speak with Mother Nancy.

At 10 am **Hymnal 324**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

BCP, p. 366

All stand.

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.

We thank you for your many gifts to us and especially for the opportunity to join you in generosity. Bless the individuals and families represented by these pledges of financial support. Guide us as we use our gifts for the good or your people.

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 Celebrant blesses the people, who respond **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Voluntary

Finale from *Wachet Auf*

Wayne L. Wold

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please take this list home for use in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns. Please email office@atonementwestfield.net or call 562-5461. Listings will be for six months or as requested.

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard & Doris Tierney; offered by their family

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Heilner, Marion Amy McGilpin and Russell W. McGilpin; offered by Cindy Palmer

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer
The Diocese of Ughelli (Nigeria)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle
St. Philip's, Easthampton – The Rev. Michael Anderson Bullock
National Episcopal AIDS Coalition (NEAC)

Strawberry Festival Beneficiary
2017 Boys & Girls Club Summer Weekend Food Program

For all victims of natural disaster

For these families and individuals
Phoebe, Dot, Louise, Allan, Art, Judy, Charlotte, Mary, Rita, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Dotti, Roger, Thelma, Vivian, Stephen H., Kristy, Helene, John, Norm, Roger, Norton, Louise, Gerry, Catherine, Bill, Betty, Marsha, Robert, Sam, Ginny, Sue, Mary and Richard, Lisa, Jennifer, Nolan, Joyce, John, Lea, Lynn, Mary, Jeff, Bill, Jack, Sarah and Roger, Tom, Candy, Seth, Ahna, Bill and Marilyn, Kathy, Margery, Joyce, Dorrie, Darrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CARE is offered in the Cribbery and Children's Word is offered in the Chapel.

“HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?” CHORAL FESTIVAL Spend an hour this afternoon hearing great music for a great cause. Three groups--Novi Cantori, City Singers of Hartford, and PVS Chamber Choir--will sing at 4 PM today at the First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield. Freewill donations will benefit the Westfield Food Pantry.

EVENSONG Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets this Saturday, Nov. 18th at 10:00 am. Join us!

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS' MARKET moves indoors for **3 MORE SATURDAY MARKETS**. Mark your calendars: November 18th, December 9th, and February 10th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

THANKSGIVING BROWN BAG PROJECT only two weeks to act! Please pick up a paper bag and fill it with the contents on the attached card. Bags must be returned by Sunday, Nov. 19th for distribution to local families by the Westfield Food Pantry. Turkey Coupons: If you are offered a turkey coupon at the Big Y and do not plan to use it, PLEASE give it to the brown bag project. These really help the Food Pantry purchase turkeys.

COOKIE SALE Time to bake the cookies (or at least think about it). Our annual **Cookie Sale** will be Sunday, December 17th to benefit Change the Babies. Start thinking about a creative recipe (we will need 6 dozen from each baker). See Lois Coffey for more information.

ANGEL TREE Please pick an angel off the tree (or two or three). Be sure to mark the chart with your name so that we know who took which angel! Gifts are due back by Dec. 17th.

COFFEE HOUR is hosted by members of the congregation. Please sign up on the white board in the Narthex.

THANKSGIVING WITH FAITH and ACTION You are invited to join the Interfaith Council of Western Mass at 5:30 pm on Nov. 16th at the Islamic Society in West Springfield. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

UNICEF- A special Thank You, for all your support in Unicef 2017. Thank you for participating in this humanitarian cause. Unicef--“A future for every child.” Jeffrey Gosselin



Joining in God's 'ever-rollingness'

THE RT. REV. ROB WRIGHT

There is a never-failing ever rolling-ness to God. That's what Amos said, "Let justice be like a rolling river and righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)

Stewardship isn't first and foremost about money. Stewardship is first and foremost about the nature of God... never failing and ever rolling. This must be understood and lived out if you and I are to be called faithful stewards.

When we give, we are participating in the personhood of God. We are participating in what is most real in the universe — God's inexhaustibleness! We are making God real in the world by lending God our flesh through partnership.

When we give, you might say, we are rolling the dice in a game, the outcome of which we are already certain. God is love. And, loving is giving. Read along in the bible, Old or New Testament, and you will see the most stern rebukes by God through the prophets are reserved for the people who claim God but fail to enact God. Rebuke is reserved for those who would dam the flow of God's never-failing ever rolling-ness, either in word, deeds or both.

But that is not who we are. We are those who understand and incarnate God's generosity. We are the people who appreciate at a deep personal level that all we have is gift. And that anything we could offer to God is simply the act of returning resources to its author and true owner.

But not only that, there is a never-failing, ever rolling-ness to be experienced personally in this giving business. Let's call it the experience of freedom born of fidelity. Freedom too often these days is defined as the absence of restraint or regulation. This definition of freedom is little more than the idolatry of the self or the market. The freedom that we were made for is the freedom that comes from

faithfulness. This freedom births spiritual maturity and a robust sense of neighborliness and common well-being.

It's no wonder that one of the 100 most influential people in the world, as I write this article, is Marie Kondo, author of "The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up." While on the face of it her goal appears to be decluttering the world one closet and home at a time, she's teaching the world that clutter and greed are bondage.

I believe her work is deeply spiritual. I believe her work is about removing the barriers to our experience of never failing and ever rolling-ness. What hinders us in trusting and replicating God's never-failingness and ever rolling-ness? Maybe we could begin again by thinking of God's raging, persistent, goodness toward us. Maybe that could unlock the flow.

For reflection...

- When has giving made you feel most connected to God and God's people?
- What hinders you from trusting and replicating God's never-failing and persistent generosity?



The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright is the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, which covers north and central Georgia, and embraces 110 worshiping communities. He and his wife, Beth-Sarah Wright, have a grown daughter and four school-age children.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

- Sunday, Nov. 12 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist, Cribbery and Children's Word
2:00-3:30 pm *AA Women's Fellowship (SMG)*
- Monday, Nov. 13 8-9 pm *AA Meeting (Great Hall)*
- Tuesday, Nov. 14 10:00 am *Music Together Class (SMG)*
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Rector's office hours at Westfield State
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 12:15 pm Healing & Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (SMG)
7-8:30 pm *OA Meeting (Great Hall)*
- Thursday, Nov. 16 6:30 pm Evensong
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30-9:00 pm *NA Meeting (Great Hall)*
- Friday, Nov. 17
- Saturday, Nov. 18 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Winter Farmers' Market
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Sunday, Nov. 19 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Cribbery and Children's Word
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