
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

OCTOBER 11TH, 2026



Bishop Visit

Holy Eucharist

Holy Baptism

Confirmation

Reception

Reaffirmation of Vows

Church of the Apostles

COPPELL, TEXAS

The Rt. Rev. Robert Price, Bishop

The Rev. Tim Cherry, Rector



HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Rippon & Haydn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

THE WORD OF GOD

CELEBRANT	Blessed be God; † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE	And blessed be his 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.

OFFICIANT	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE	And also with you.
OFFICIANT	Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

READER

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

READER

The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

† † †

CLERGY

The Holy Gospel of our Lord *Jesus Christ* according to Matthew

PEOPLE

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

CLERGY
PEOPLE

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON



PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

RECTOR

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented. I present *these persons* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

CANDIDATE

I do.

(Infants and Younger Children are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents)

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I present (*full name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

BISHOP/PRIEST

(to parents and godparents) Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I will, with God's help.

BISHOP/PRIEST

(to parents and godparents) Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

I will, with God's help.

Bishop (to candidates who can speak for themselves and to parents and godparents of infants and younger children)

QUESTION	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
ANSWER	I renounce them.
QUESTION	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
ANSWER	I renounce them.
QUESTION	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
ANSWER	I renounce them.
QUESTION	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
ANSWER	I do.
QUESTION	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
ANSWER	I do.
QUESTION	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
ANSWER	I do.
RECTOR	The other Candidates will now be presented... I present these persons for Confirmation ... these persons to be received into this Communion ... and these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.
BISHOP	<i>(to the candidates)</i> Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
CANDIDATES	I do.
BISHOP	Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
CANDIDATES	I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

PEOPLE **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CELEBRANT
PEOPLE

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

CELEBRANT
PEOPLE

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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
PEOPLE

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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 CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

LEADER	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.
LEADER	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
PEOPLE	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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

BISHOP	The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE	And also with you.
BISHOP	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

BISHOP 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

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to the assisting priest, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Let us pray... Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, AND REAFFIRMATION

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

Or Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

FOR RECEPTION

N. we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

FOR REAFFIRMATION

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

(Bishop) Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

CELEBRANT	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE	And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

"Holy Spirit" (choir)



THE DOXOLOGY

Genevan Psalter, 1551 (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... (*celebrant continues*) therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn proclaim the glory of your Name:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

SANCTUS

Darnell

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.

CELEBRANT

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."

CELEBRANT Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT

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, and 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.**

CELEBRANT

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray (in song)

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

King of Glory Mass, Betty Pulkingham

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

CELEBRANT Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

PEOPLE **Have mercy on us.**

CELEBRANT Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

PEOPLE **Have mercy on us.**

CELEBRANT Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

PEOPLE **Grant us peace.**

CELEBRANT The † Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All Christians are welcome to receive communion. You may request a priestly blessing or prayer for healing at the altar rail by simply raising one hand.

"I Lift My Hands"

Choir

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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.

BISHOP'S BLESSING & BENEDICTION



RECESSIONAL HYMN

FIRM FOUNDATION

Harvill & Gordon

Chorus

Jesus, you're my firm foundation

I know I can stand secure

Jesus you're my firm foundation

I put my hope in your holy word

I put my hope in your holy word

I have a living hope (I have a living hope)

I have a future (I have a future)

God has a plan for me (God has a plan for me)

Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure

(chorus)

Your word is faithful (Your word is faithful)

Mighty in power (mighty in power)

God will deliver me (God will deliver me)

Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure

(chorus)

CLERGY

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE

Thanks be to God!

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