



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

PENTECOST 20

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Readings

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Hymns (ALL LEV)

Processional: LEV#198 "Love Lifted Me"

Sequence: LEV#164 "Do Lord, Remember me"

Communion: LEV#204 "Think of His Goodness to You", LEV#194 "Lead Me, Guide Me",
LEV#129 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Recessional: LEV#165 "Higher Ground"

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Sermon: The Rev. Seth Kellermann

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

[As you enter the church this morning please take an opportunity to prepare your heart through prayer.]

The Word of God

Hymn LEV#198 *is sung*

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

People and Celebrant: 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.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[The people sit.]

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Joel.

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the Lord your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again

be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Second Timothy.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

At 10:00 Hymn LEV#164 is sung.

The Gospel

[Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:]

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Sermon

[We respond to the sermon by standing and proclaiming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. This statement of faith has been a part of the church since 325AD.]

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

[We now move into a time where we remember not only our own needs but the needs of others and the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. We do this because we have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to not only focus on our needs, but on the needs of others as well, and we believe that our prayers are effective through this same Spirit (see James 5:15-16).]

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer*

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

[When we have encountered Jesus Christ face to face, we deeply understand his holiness and our brokenness. Confession is a natural outpouring of our love for God and is essential for a healthy relationship.]

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silence may be kept.]

Minister and People together:

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.

Priest: 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 Peace

[In the Confession of Sin we are reconciled with God and that relationship is made right. The Peace is designed to flow out of that forgiven state and is to be a time in which we are reconciled to one another before we move into Communion (see Matthew 5:23-24).]

[All stand]

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

People: *And also with you.*

[Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Announcements and celebration of birthdays and anniversaries follows.]

The Holy Communion

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

[The Offertory is a time in which we remember all that the Lord has done for us and we respond by giving back to Him some of that blessing. We are called to give of our Time, Talents, and Treasure. The Offertory is a time to give a tangible gift to God from our Treasure. The most important thing is to give with joy, not out of compulsion.]

[All stand]

Musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A'. The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

[The people remain standing.]

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.

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.

[At 8:00 these words are spoken:]

Celebrant and 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.*

[At 10:00 these words are sung:]

Celebrant and People:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[The people kneel or stand as able.]

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.

[This section closely follows the account of the Last Supper and quotes the words of Jesus from the Bible. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.]

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."

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.*

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

People and Celebrant:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*[The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then
may be sung or said]*

[At 8:00 a.m.]

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

[At 10:00 (sung):]

Cantor Congregation

Al- - - le - lu - i - a, Al - - le - lu - i - a Al - - - -

le - lu - ia

Cantor Congregation

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Therefore let us keep the feast .
All repeat Alleluias

Celebrant: 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 baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Kneel at the altar rail and hold your hands and bread will be put in them, please assist the ministers as they seek to give you wine. If you are not a baptized Christian, or if you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive a blessing simply cross your arms across your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Celebrant after church.]

[During the ministrations the following hymns may be sung: LEV#204, LEV#194, LEV#129]

The Post Communion Prayer

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.

Celebrant: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn LEV#165 is sung

The Dismissal

Deacon/Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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