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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM  
Office Hours: 8:15am until 3:00pm Monday- Thursday.

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities  
With God's Love through Jesus Christ  
Since 1831

## The Holy Eucharist

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

The Prelude

The Gathering Hymn      *We sing the glorious conquest*      Hymn 255

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

***People:* And blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for 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.*

The Gloria

S 280

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson: Acts 26:9-21

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

"With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

"After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

## The Response: Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity**  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

## The Epistle: Galatians 1:11-24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

*Father, we thank thee*

Hymn 302

The Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22

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

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

**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

*Intercessor* As those who delight to boast in the Lord, let us pray for the needs of all God's people on earth, saying: Holy One, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz our Priest, that our call to serve may be blessed and strengthened by the riches of God's grace. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we who gather to hear the Lord's teaching may lead a blameless life, do what is right, and speak the truth with our hearts and lives. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, called by our Baptism to share the message of the cross with those who do not know Christ, that we may be faithful messengers of God's love. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For an end to the scourge of gun violence and the grace and wisdom to work ceaselessly to heal wounded hearts, stop the guns, and seek peaceful ways to resolve differences, do justice and walk humbly with our God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all world leaders, that they may work to free all those who live in fear of poverty, war, and oppression. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the hungry and the homeless, and all those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially ..... that God's love will strengthen, heal and sustain them. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all those who have died, remembering especially ..... that they may dwell forever in the tabernacle of God's love. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* God of all goodness, hear our prayers and nourish us with the bread of heaven, that strengthened for service we may show forth your glory to all the world in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP page 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

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



## HOLY COMMUNION

*The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

The Offertory      *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*      Hymn 530

The Doxology:      *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
Hymn 380, v. 3

**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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer B      BCP page 367

*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 thanks and praise.**

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus      S124

**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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

***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 Fraction Anthem

S161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### The Communion

*All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

### Communion Meditation

### The Post Communion Prayer

BCP page 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Parting Hymn    *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*    Hymn 671  
v. 1-4

The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

The Postlude    *Praise the Lord who reigns above*    arr. Larson

**Altar Flowers this week are from Ann Kiefer  
In Memory of Glen Paul Kiefer**

**Our Ministers Today:**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Organist: Joyce Printz

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

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Lector: Tom Undercoffler

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