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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 Gathering Hymn

Praise to the living God

Hymn 372

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

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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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

The Response: Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

**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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

The Sequence Hymn *Father, we thank thee* Hymn 302

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and

made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily
The Nicene Creed

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**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 we wait for the Master's return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz our Priest, that we may trust God's faithfulness and love as we live life each day. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church & St Marks, that God will inspire us with new visions of how to use our gifts and meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

That peace, reconciliation, justice, and hope may come to be the only way forward in the Holy Land. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering (pause.....), that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, remembering especially, that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant God of abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may become sharers in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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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 *Come ye thankful people* Hymn 290

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.

Creator God, may these gifts honor the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbors, being rooted in joy, rooted in love, and rooted in Abundance. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer C

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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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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

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**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

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Let us pray.

**God of Abundance and Grace,
By the provision of this feast,
the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ
You have united us together in purpose and place.
May we who have gathered and broken bread
Now share the living Word, being rooted in Abundance;
Serving you with joy and steadfast faith,
Through Jesus Christ, our head. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Parting Hymn *All my hope on God is founded* Hymn 665

The Dismissal

**This weeks Altar Flowers are from Bob and Vera Dunn
'To our beautiful congregation and friends'**

Our Ministers Today:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: Lynne Graham

Hospitality:

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Lynne Graham, Senior Warden

Vickie Calby, Junior Warden

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