

## 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.**

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:*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

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

**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.**

## Holy Communion

*(We welcome all who come with faith and reverence to receive communion. If you’d like to come forward for a blessing, please kneel placing your arms across your chest and the priest will bless you. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand and eat the bread or wait until the*

*cup comes and dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer to drink the wine from the cup, please guide the cup to your lips.)*

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem** *Seek ye first, the kingdom of God* **Hymnal 711 v.1**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn** *O Master, let me walk with thee* **Hymnal 660**

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant:* 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

**Recessional Hymn** *God, my King, thy might confessing* **Hymnal 414**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude



## Prelude

**Processional Hymn** *The Church’s one foundation* **Hymnal 525**

## Opening Acclamation

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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom now and forever. 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.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

## Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalms 13

1

How long, O LORD?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?

2

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day?\*

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

## Second Reading

## Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*He who would valiant be*

## Hymnal 565

## Gospel

## Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Leslie H. Chadwick, Associate Rector

## Procession to the Font

*O God of gentle strength*

## WLP 771

### The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*(Parents and godparents please stand; the congregation may be seated)*

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Sponsors: I present James Kent to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God’s help.*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer: I renounce them.*

*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer: I do.*

*Celebrant:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer: I do.*

*Celebrant:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer: I do.*

*The Celebrant 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.*

*Celebrant:* Then, standing together, let us all renew our baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

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

*People: 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:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People: 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 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

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for *James Kent Kidwell* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver *James*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People: Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant:* 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 for ever. ***Amen.***

*(Everyone may be seated)*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*The Celebrant touches the water:*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that he who here is cleansed from sin and born again, may continue forever 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 forever. ***Amen.***

### The Baptism *(Will the parents, godparents [and candidates] please come forward now; children in the congregation may also come forward)*

*Celebrant:* *James Kent*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.***

*Anointing him with Chrism in the sign of the cross the Priest says:*

*Celebrant:* *James Kent*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant:* 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.***

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

*People: And also with you.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Offering

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## Offertory Hymn

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*

## Hymnal 438