22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026



Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

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 and People: 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.

S278 Gloria in Excelsis Deo

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

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.**

Hebrew Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to

Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 610 (vv. 1-2) Lord, whose love through humble service

The Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He

said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Hymn 610 (vv. 3-4) Lord, whose love through humble service

The Sermon **The Rev. Ken Taber**

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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 worshipped 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 VI) BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
(*Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Ken, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for all the conflicts in the world and especially the people living in danger, fear and uncertainty, that hostilities may cease and there may be peace with justice for all God's children.

(Silence)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering especially those we may name now, either silently or aloud, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence)

Celebrant and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace BCP p. 360

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

(Share a greeting, a wave, a nod with your fellow parishioners.)

Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Offertory Organ Voluntary

Doxology

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus S125

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. Hosanna in the highest.

(*Stand or kneel as you are able.)*

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.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymn S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn 602 **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love**

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant and People:

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

Hymn 609 **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us today

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Read more in the eNews)

Welcome Back, Fr. Ken Taber!

We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Ken Taber back to Good Samaritan this morning. We appreciate his continued ministry and are grateful to have him join us once again in worship and fellowship.

Fellowship

Please join us for fellowship after the service. It's a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company and have something light to eat.

***The Chosen*, Tuesday, October 27th, 6:00 p.m.**

We'll continue with Season 3, Episodes 4 and 5, of *The Chosen*. Please feel free to bring your own snacks; drinks provided.

October Outreach

We are collecting underwear and socks for Clothes to Kids. Please find details in the eNews. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for helping support our neighbors in need.

Movie Night, Friday, November 6th, 6:00 p.m.

The title is forthcoming – please stay tuned. As always, feel free to bring your own snacks; drinks provided.

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, November 25th, 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is almost upon us. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful event with our church family and friends.

All Saints' Sunday next week.

Next Sunday is All Saints' Day, the annual feast day when we traditionally remember those we love but see no longer. We will again include the names of those you would like to remember in our bulletin next week. Request forms are available in the Narthex for you to submit your names to be included. Apologies for the late timing, but names need to be be submitted by Tuesday to be included in the bulletin.

The service next Sunday will be Solemn High (incense and chanting).

Pastoral Care Available

If you feel the need to talk about any feelings of the upcoming future of Good Samaritan Church, please feel free to call or text me and we can set up a time to talk together. I could meet you at the Church or we could use FaceTime or Whats App.

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(Cover Painting)

"The Pharisees Question Jesus"
By James Tissot

James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836–1902) was a prominent French painter and illustrator known for his detailed depictions of high society life in Paris and London. Then, in 1885, while visiting a church to research a painting, Tissot experienced a profound mystical religious vision that completely altered the trajectory of his life. He abandoned his focus on wealthy, fashionable women to dedicate the remainder of his life to a massive project illustrating the Life of Christ. He made multiple arduous journeys to the Middle East to ensure archaeological accuracy in his final masterworks.

"The Pharisees Question Jesus" created between 1886 and 1894, is a gouache and watercolor painting over graphite on gray wove paper and it measures only 7.3 × 11.1 in, less than the size of a standard sheet of paper.

The scene depicts a tense confrontation in the Temple courtyard where Jesus stands calm and poised amidst a skeptical, hostile crowd of Pharisees in traditional 1st-century attire.

For this illustration, Tissot uses a muted, earth-toned color palette and dramatic lighting streaming from the upper left to underscore the psychological friction and solemnity of the debate.

The painting is housed in the European Art collection at the Brooklyn Museum in New York City and is part of Tissot's larger Life of Christ (La Vie de Notre-Seigneur Jésus-Christ) series.