



10:30

November 19, 2023

25th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning. We are happy you are here to worship with us. If you want to know more about the Church of Reconciliation, please email info@cor-satx.org to receive our weekly e-mail.

- Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes.
- All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
- If you would prefer to receive Communion at your seat instead of at the rail, please let an usher know.
- Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

Episcopal Visitation TODAY

Today, we will welcome **The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read** at both services. He will receive several Reconcilers into the Episcopal Church at the 10:30 service:

- Christina Bricout**
- John Bricout**
- Janice Lenz**
- Patrice Melancon**

Blessings and welcome to our newest Episcopalians!

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (*no music*)

10:30am – Holy Eucharist (*livestreamed, with music*)

Upcoming Events

November 23: Thanksgiving

November 22-24: Church Office Closure

November 30: Dinner Dudes

**Generosity 2023
November 5th-26th**

This year's theme is **"In This Together."** We support each other and Reconciliation through our time, our talent, and our generosity. This is a time of transition, but through it all, we have one another.

Over the next few weeks, you will receive an email every Thursday with a different offering. As in previous years, we will hear from different Reconcilers through our Fireside Chats and written devotionals. On Sundays, we will hear from special speakers from our community who will talk about what generosity means to them.

Children, Youth, and Families

- **Youth Fundraiser!** The Youth Group will be hosting hot breakfast on Dec 10 and requesting donations to support camp scholarships and a summer local mission trip. Please join us in supporting this important ministry. Parents, please RSVP your availability to Jude at jude@cor-satx.org no later than November 19th.
- **Toys for Tots Drive:** We are collecting toys for the Toys for Tots organization. A drop box will be in Brown Hall from 19 Nov-3 Dec. For more information please contact Jude at jude@cor-satx.org or visit the Toys for Tots website: <https://www.toysfortots.org/>
- **Magdalena House:** We will once again be supporting Magdalena House this Christmas. Please watch this space for more information on donating via Amazon.
- **RSVP Needed:** Children's liturgy is November 26. Please RSVP to Jude at jude@cor-satx.org your interest and availability
- **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!** If your child plays an instrument and would like to perform during the children's Christmas liturgy on Dec 24 at 4 pm, please let Jude know ASAP at jude@cor-satx.org.

**Save the Date: Posada at Rec
During Advent Dinner!**

Wednesday, December 13th, 6pm-8pm

Please make plans to join us! We will have a posada on our Rec grounds, followed by a dinner of tamales, beans, rice, pan dulce, hot chocolate, and more!

What is a posada?

It is a traditional Latino celebration where people walk in procession with candles and reenact the struggle of Joseph and Mary in finding lodging by knocking on different doors. Songs are sung to 'reject' the participants of the procession just as Joseph and Mary were turned away. We will walk around our Rec campus looking for shelter, and end up in Brown Hall for dinner. Our courtyard will be lit with luminarias (candles lit in bags), which help to guide the way. Contact Erica at erica@cor-satx.org. Signup link to follow.

Advent Dinners

Wed., Dec. 6, 13, 20, 6pm-8pm in Brown Hall

Hi, Family! Christmas is just around the corner and so are our Advent Dinners! Advent starts on Dec. 3 so we will only have three dinners: Dec. 6, 13, and 20. As special treat, we will conduct a Posada around the Rec grounds. Come join us each night as we celebrate Christ's birthday together. Sign up here: <https://cor-satx.org/signup-for-events/>

Today's altar flowers are given by the Gwin Family in honor of Sissy and Ron Tietz, Juniper's parents, turning 80 and 81 this month.

THE OPENING MEDITATION

Fr. Phil Mason

THE OPENING HYMN

Rise Up, Ye Saints

Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:

Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

THE 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. 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

Lector: A Reading from Joshua.

Judges 4:1-7

Read by Sidney Burnette

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.**

PSALM 90

Refrain: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord our God. Have pity on your servants. *Refrain*

Fill us at dawn with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness.
Make us glad for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil. *Refrain*

Let your work be seen by your servants, and your glory by their children.
May your gracious care be ours. Prosper the work of our hands. *Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Read by Marise Melson

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 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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 SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Dr. David G. Read

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: The candidates will now be presented.

Presenter:

I present these persons to be received into this Communion:

Christina Bricout

John Bricout

Janice Lenz

Patrice Melancon

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

People: **We will!**

Bishop: Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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 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

Read by Erica Valle

Leader: Let us now pray for these persons and for our community, as we renew our commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

RECEPTION:

Bishop: N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE GATHERING HYMN

Peace Before Us

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing if you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone.

BIRTHDAYS

Cynthia Jones	11/16
Cindy Fuqua	11/18
Joe Mike Brown	11/21
Jane Neuenschwander	11/21
Madeline Sjulín	11/22
Sonia Suire	11/22
Suzanne Wade	11/22
James Barrett	11/23

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or other milestone mentioned here, please email erica@cor-satx.org.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou Art God by John Ness Beck

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth, for everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Let thy work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto thy children.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. To endless years, Thou art God!

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

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. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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: *(Bells)*

Celebrant and People (sung)

G 300 (Land of Rest)

**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.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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." (*Bells*)

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (*Bells*)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.** (*Bells*)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

G7

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love and for those who want to love more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have fallen short. Come, for it is the Risen Christ who invites you. It is the Risen Christ who wants to meet you here.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord for Holy Communion.
Alcohol-free wine is available upon request.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Fantasiestucke by Robert Schumann
Phyllis Kline, cello

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
With One Voice #649

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus I Have Promised
Hymnal #655

BENEDICTION *(To the tune of Edelweiss)*

May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
grant you peace, perfect peace,
courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face,
full of grace forever;
may the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Elementary Ministry:

Ages: 4 years old through 4th Grade

- **Sunday School from 9-10:20 a.m.**

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Ages: 5th Grade thru 8th Grade

Middle School Faith Formation/Sunday School:

- **Sunday School from 9-10:20 a.m.**
- Middle School Youth Group:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room.

Rec High School Ministry:

Ages: 9th-12th Grade

High School Faith Formation/Sunday School:
Sundays from 9:00-10:20 a.m. in the Rec Room

- **Sunday school from 9-10:20 a.m.**
- High School Youth Group:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Rec Room

Contact: Jude Castillo, Director of Children, Youth, and Families at jude@cor-satx.org

**Serving and Ministering This Sunday
November 19, 2023**

8:00

Verger: Ron Graham
Lector: Ken Sullivan
Prayers of the People: Ken Sullivan
Chalice: Mercedes Zamudio
Intincter: Erica Valle
Altar Guild: Team IV (Roxie Montesano Team)
Usher: Fred Spartz
Prayer Team: Brad and Julia Coffey

10:30

Verger: Ron Graham
Livestream: Lou Navarro and Lee Mick
Lectors: Sidney Burnette, Marise Melson
Prayers for the Candidates: Erica Valle
Intincter: Katheryn Cox
Chalice: April Toman
Acolytes: Kathryn Daniels, Stewart Swann, Michael Seitz
Altar Guild: Team IV (Roxie Montesano Team)
Ushers: Mark Thomas (lead), Mike Moneer, Derek Charette
Greeters: Jann Steed (lead), Benjamin PowerGriffin
Prayer Team: Ron Graham, Sylvia Maddox
Hot Breakfast: Sacred Grounds Team
Coffee Hour: All Hands on Deck – Thanksgiving Pies

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