# St. Alfred's
## Episcopal Church
## Palm Harbor, Florida

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant and Preacher

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
### Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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**The Chiming of the Hour** *(Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.)*

**The Prelude** *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* Johannes Brahms
(based on Hymn 339)

## The Word of God

**Hymn 51** *We, the Lord's People* *Decatur Place*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom 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.*

**Gloria in excelsis S 278** William Mathias

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the following Collects.*
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the First Lesson, the Psalm, and the Epistle.*

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9**

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

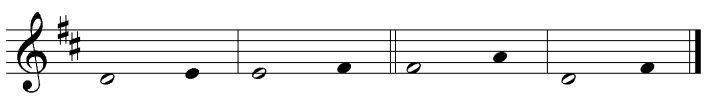
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me* Jerome Webster Meachen

*(The Congregation is invited to join in singing the Psalm changing pitch on the word or syllable in* ***bold face print****.)*



1 The LORD is my **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in **want**.
2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** *
and leads me beside still **waters**.

3 He revives my **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways for his **Name's sake**.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no **evil**; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **trouble me**; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running **over**.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for **ever**.

**The Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the singing of the Hymn and the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**Hymn 321** *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* *Rockingham*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those

who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Reverend Peter A. Lane

*(A moment for reflection.)*

**The Nicene Creed** Page 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**

*The response following each intercession is:* *Leader* Remember us with favor, O Lord;
*People* Visit us with your saving help.

**The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest, stands and says*

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** Page 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory** *The Lord is My Shepherd* Thomas Matthews

(Laurel Bennett and Vivienne Hee – soloists)

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

- Psalm 23 *King James Version*

*(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)*

**The Presentation Hymn 380, Stanza 3** *Old Hundredth*

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 Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A* Page 361

*The Celebrant, faces them and says*
The Lord be with you.
*And also with you.*

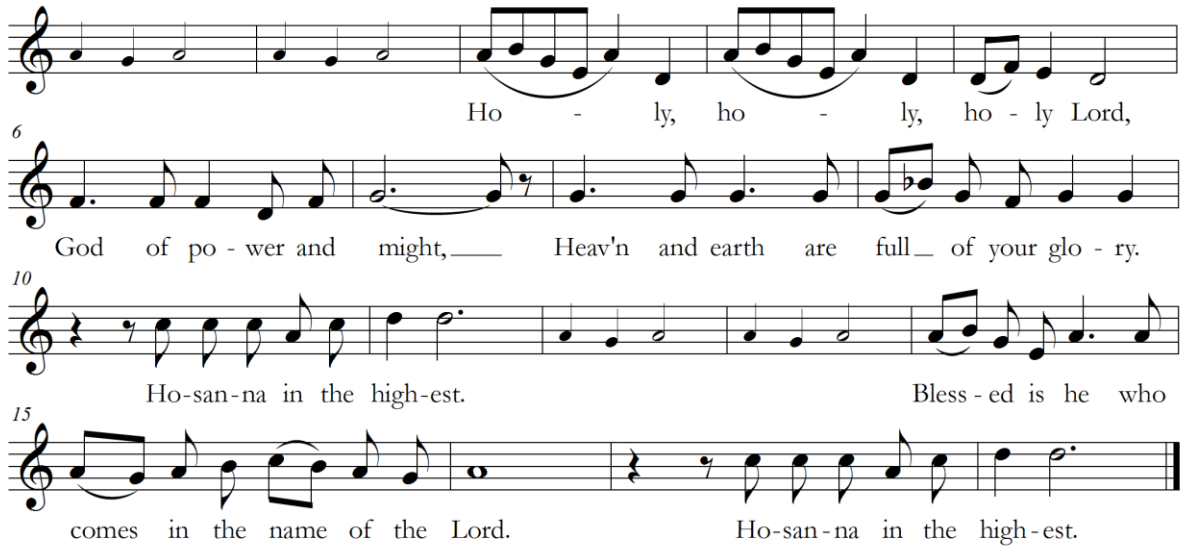
Lift up your hearts.
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*
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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus** William Mathias




*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*
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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

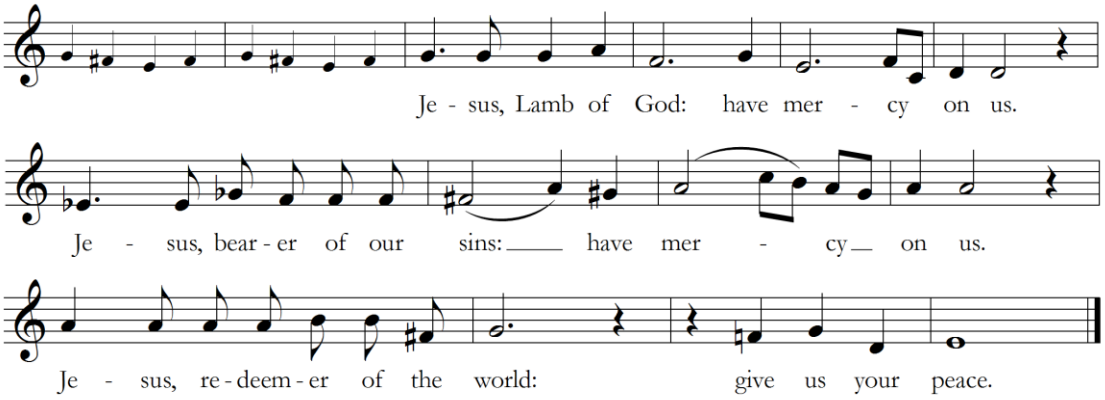
**The Lord's Prayer** Page 364

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

*Celebrant and People* 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
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** Page 364

**The Fraction Anthem** *Jesus, Lamb of God* William Mathias




**Communion Anthem** *This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song* Sidney Watson

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by All)* Page 365

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 556 (Stanzas 1-5)** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* *Marion*

**The Dismissal** *The People respond* Thanks be to God.

*(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)*

**Postlude** *Grand Choeur* Théodore Salomé

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## Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Ralph Jordan in thanksgiving for Charlotte Jordan.

## Coffee Hour

Please join us for coffee hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.
Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

## Prayer List

*Please pray for:*

Paul Backer
Vivian Bish
Beverly Butters
Nancy Chrysler
Chuck and Shirley
Connor and Jennifer
Jon Giampietro

Alex and Diane Hugill
John and Lyn
Ralph and Charlotte Jordan
Sandi and Mike
Diane Linindoll
Craig Miller
Lucy Rosenblum
Vivian

Our nation
All who serve our country at home and abroad
Healthcare Workers
Victims of violence
Victims of all natural disasters
All places torn by war and violence

**Join us for Lunch, Wednesday, October 14 at 12 p.m.**

You are invited to a Fellowship Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14 at 12 noon at Nuevo Cantina located at 35903 US Hwy 19 N. in Palm Harbor. You may make your reservation by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or by calling the Church Office at 727-785-1601. Hope to see you there!

**Men's Clothing Drive, October 10-11, and October 17-18**

The Outreach Team is seeking donations of WARM men's clothing in clean and good condition for the men at Pinellas Hope. Pinellas Hope is an emergency shelter for homeless adults. Especially needed are: long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, sweat shirts and sweat pants. There will be a container in the Narthex for your donations. Please do NOT bring women's clothing. It is not needed. Thank you.

**To make a donation to St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, scan the QR code below.**

## Weekly Calendar

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| Monday - October 12 | Columbus Day – Church Office Closed<br>7 p.m., Bible Study (Library) |
| Wednesday – October 14 | 10 a.m., Chair Yoga and Breath Exercises (Choir Room)<br>11:30 a.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library)<br>12 p.m., Fellowship Luncheon (Nuevo Cantina)<br>7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church) |
| Thursday - October 15 | 10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel)<br>**12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II and Healing**<br>7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Friday, October 16 | 10 a.m., GriefShare (Library)<br>1 p.m., Lectio Poetica (Library) |
| **Saturday - October 17**<br>**21 Pentecost** | 9 a.m., Confirmation Class (Library)<br>9:30 a.m., Morning of Prayer (Choir Room)<br>**5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I** |
| **Sunday - October 18**<br>**21 Pentecost** | **10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**<br>11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall)<br>12:10 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library)<br>3 p.m., Depart for Ronald McDonald House |

**Dinner for Ronald McDonald House, Sunday, October 18**

The next trip to prepare dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Tampa will be on Sunday afternoon, October 18. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 3 p.m. For more information contact Dorothy Stevens at 207-286-7386.

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* - Johannes Brahms, Mercury Music
*Psalm Tone* - Jerome Webster Meachen, Church Publishing, Inc.
*The Lord is My Shepherd* - Thomas Matthews, Fred Bock Music Company
*Grand Choeur* - Théodore Salomé, Oxford University Press
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