



Free Church of the Annunciation
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HOLY EUCHARIST ✦ Rite II ✦ Year B
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
PROPER 26

Welcome to Annunciation

Celebrant

The Reverend David P. Casey, O.P.

Please remember to silence your mobile phones

Welcome & Announcements

Father David Casey

Musical Prelude

Performed by Steven Kennedy

FOR VISITORS

If you are visiting, we would love to know! Complete a CONNECT card found in the pew rack and drop it in the offertory plate, or hand it to a vestry member. To receive our weekly newsletter or to learn more about us, visit AnnunciationEpiscopal.com or call the church office at (504) 895-8697. You can also find us on [Facebook.com/AnnunciationNOLA](https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationNOLA).

ABOUT THE SERVICE

All are invited to God's table for Communion. **Words in this bulletin in BOLD, we say or sing together.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Masks are required, regardless of vaccination status. We have disposable masks at the entrance should you need one. Congregational singing is allowed with masks on. Non-contact greetings should be offered to those outside your household at the peace or before/after the service. Please continue to practice rigorous hand hygiene. Anyone with symptoms of a potentially contagious illness should stay home. We continue to livestream our 11:00 AM Sunday service.

The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

Jesu Jesu

LEVAS # 74

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Song of Praise

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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.**

COLLECT OF THE Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Before the reading, the reader says

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

[Moses convened all Israel and said to them:] ¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

After the reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8

Cantor Jessica Hall

- 1Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2Happy are they who observe his decrees *
 and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in his ways.
- 4You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-14

Before the reading, the reader says

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹¹When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

After the reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

Where Charity and Love Prevail

1982 # 581

THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

Before the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

After the Gospel,

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Father David Casey

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

**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

Leader

All remain standing.

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 *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, and *Morris* our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of sin.

Silence may be kept.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader 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.**

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.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVEL BCP p. 830-1

Anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary, or preparing to travel is invited to stand or raise your hand for a prayer.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people may offer each other a sign of peace while maintaining distance between households, such as bowing, nodding, waving, smiling, or making a peace sign.

OFFERTORY Sentence

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

The Holy Communion

At the beginning of the Offertory Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar. Then plates will be passed to collect the weekly offerings that support our church. Electronic donations may be made by texting GIVE to 504-565-2682 or donating at AnnunciationEpiscopal.com/GIVE

OFFERTORY Hymn

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

For the Beauty of the Earth

1982 # 416

Please stand as you are able as the collection is brought forward.

Presentation OF THE GIFTS

Doxology sung by Jessica Holl

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

BCP p. 362

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.**

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:

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

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

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

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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 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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Distribution of Communion: *All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Please maintain a minimum 6-foot distance between households, waiting to step into the aisle until there is room to do so. To receive the host (Communion wafer) hold your hands out, one palm resting open on the other. The celebrant will place the host in your hand for you to lift to your mouth and consume. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please inform the priest when you come forward.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the host, cross your arms over your chest as you approach the Celebrant. After receiving the bread or blessing, the response is **AMEN.***

COMMUNION SOLO

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

Break Now the Bread of Life

LEVAS # 146

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

BLESSING

May Christ's love draw you ever closer; May Christ's power strengthen you for service; May the joy found only in Christ fill your hearts; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and always.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

Guide My Feet

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant dismisses the people.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All respond Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Performed by Jessica Holl & Steven Kennedy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN OUR Lay READERS!

Please let Kyran know today if you can serve as a lay reader one Sunday every 6-8 weeks! No experience necessary, just a willingness to stand and read aloud. We are hoping to build a roster that will enable us to schedule ahead two months at a time, and are just a few names short. Find Kyran after the service, or drop a note in the offering basket, or email community@annunciationepiscopal.com. All ages are encouraged to volunteer. We can accommodate the need for large print or mobility issues.

Coat DRIVE

In partnership with Gladewaves, we are collecting new and gently used coats October 24, 31, and November 7 in the collection box in the first floor hallway. Coats for all ages and sizes are needed!

ALL SAINTS MEMORIALS

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 7. Please provide any names of departed souls you wish to honor using the printed form available at church by Thursday, November 4. A donation of \$20 - \$40 is suggested, but any amount is appreciated. If writing a check, please make it payable to the Church of the Annunciation with "All Saints Memorial" in the memo line.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Jessica, Eddie, Marilee, John and Vicky, Fay, Emily, and Lila.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Justina Prejeant (11/02), Rhondria Isria (11/03), Kyran Pittman (11/23)